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Israel and Hamas at war after attacks

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TEL AVIV, Israel — The Israeli government formally declared war Sunday and gave the green light for “significant military steps” to retaliate against Hamas for its surprise attack from the Gaza Strip, portending greater fighting ahead as the toll from the conflict passed 900 dead and thousands wounded on both sides.

More than 24 hours after Hamas launched its unprecedented incursion out of Gaza, Israeli forces were still trying to crush the last groups of militant fighters holed up in several towns of southern Israel. At least 600 people have reportedly been killed in Israel — a staggering toll on a scale the country has not experienced in decades — and more than 300 have been killed in Gaza as Israeli airstrikes pound the territory.

Authorities were still trying to determine how many civilians and

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Israeli police officers evacuate a woman and a child from a site hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip in Ashkelon, southern Israel, on Saturday.



Protecting undersea assets

NATO MARITIME COMMAND/Twitter

During exercise Dynamic Messenger, which wrapped up late last month, NATO country navies tested a range of unmanned vehicles. The drill was part of an effort to enhance protection of critical underwater infrastructure.

Submersibles used in NATO drill to focus on fears of Russian sabotage

BY JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

Unmanned underwater vehicles that were used in recent experimentation with an array of new tactics could transform how NATO allies defend critical infrastructure from attack.

Dynamic Messenger, which was held off the coast of Portugal and concluded late last month, was the first NATO exercise to have a specific focus on protecting critical undersea infrastructure, the alliance’s Maritime Command said in a statement Wednesday.

For NATO, defending infrastructure such as gas pipelines has become a high priority in light of the sabotage last year of Nord Stream 1, a Baltic Sea pipeline that previously delivered natural gas from Russia to Germany.

Russia shut off the flow of gas through Nord Stream 1 in retaliation for sanctions imposed

by the West over Kremlin forces’ invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The statement did not say which countries participated in the exercise or how many service members were involved.

Allies also have raised alarms about Russia’s ability to target undersea cables that are responsible for transmitting internet traffic around the world and carrying trillions of dollars in financial transactions on a daily basis.

“There are heightened concerns that Russia may target undersea cables and other critical infrastructure in an effort to disrupt Western life, to gain leverage against those nations that are providing security to Ukraine,” NATO’s intelligence chief, David Cattler, told reporters.

To address those concerns, NATO agreed during a July summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, to form a security center for critical undersea in-

frastructure, of CUI, within its Maritime Command.

The Dynamic Messenger drills used autonomous underwater vehicles, which “allow for longer, persistent presence at depth” and also incorporated artificial intelligence capabilities, NATO said.

“These underwater assets were used in combination with several advanced uncrewed air and surface capabilities, as well as the more conventional crewed systems,” the statement said.

Results from the exercise will inform the development of future NATO operational doctrine that will detail how undersea assets are to be guarded, the alliance said.

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Calif. big businesses must disclose emissions

The measure could create “duplicative” work if the federal standards are adopted, the chamber and other groups wrote in an alert opposing the bill.

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Senator says he will block promotions over housing

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri said Thursday that he will put a hold on Army civilian nominations that require Senate approval until the service earmarks \$41 million for new housing at Fort Leonard Wood.

Hawley informed Army Secretary Christine Wormuth of his intentions in a letter, writing he was left with no other choice after years of pressing the Army to replace aging homes at the 83-year-old garrison in Missouri's Ozark Mountain region.

"The Army's inability to meet its own deadlines is unacceptable, and I will wait no longer," Hawley wrote. "The soldiers and families at Fort Leonard Wood deserve better, and it is your responsibility to deliver for them."

Hawley's hold would add Army civilians to the 300-plus senior military officer nominees being blocked from promotion by Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala.

Tuberville is preventing the Senate from proceeding with unanimous confirmation votes on groups of nominees due to the Pentagon's abortion access policies.

The Senate last month bypassed Tuberville's blockade by confirming top nominees for the Joint Chiefs of Staff one by one.

Hawley said he is instituting his hold because Army leaders did not keep their promises to spend \$41.4 million on improving Fort Leonard Wood housing in fiscal 2023, which ended Sept. 30. The Army has identified 1,142 family homes at the post that require repair, Hawley said.

He accused Wormuth of offering her commitment to the expenditure months ago and failing to produce a housing replacement plan. Hawley said the Army told his office no funds will be available for the project until Dec. 15 at the earliest.

"Beyond your inability to even produce your plan, what investment you have promised has now

failed to materialize," Hawley wrote to Wormuth. "The deadline has now come and gone and given your record I have real doubts that Fort Leonard Wood will receive this investment before the end of the calendar year."

The Army said it would not comment on correspondence between a member of Congress and Wormuth.

"The secretary will respond back to the senator directly as appropriate," an Army spokesperson said.

Hawley would be the latest senator to leverage the Senate's process for confirming military nominees to demand policy changes and extract concessions from the Pentagon.

In 2020, Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., put a hold on 1,000 military nominees until the Pentagon provided assurances Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman would not be blocked from a promotion due to his testimony against former President Donald Trump. Her hold lasted two weeks.



TOM WILLIAMS, POOL, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

Sen. Josh Hawley, (R-MO) speaks during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in 2021.

Tuberville announced his block on senior general and flag officer promotions in February. Eight months later, he continues to insist he will lift his hold only after the Pentagon rescinds a pol-

icy that ensures service member access to abortions and other reproductive health care.

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Contractor who sold shoddy filters to pay over \$50K

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A New York defense contractor was ordered to pay over a half-million dollars in financial penalties for his "very stupid decision" to use cheap, unapproved materials in filters designed to protect soldiers from toxic gases and nuclear radiation.

Reginald Cannon, 55, was fined \$200,000 and told to repay \$315,944, the Justice Department said in a statement Wednesday. He also received two years of probation at his sentencing Monday in

U.S. district court in Buffalo.

He originally faced the possibility of up to two years and three months in prison after pleading guilty to wire fraud in May, according to court documents.

Cannon's Rochester-based company, Burnett Process, signed a contract in 2015 to sell the Army M98 gas particulate filters, which protect wearers from chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives threats, court filings said.

The scheme was uncovered before it caused harm to anyone in the military,

prosecutors said.

"This defendant attempted to cut costs and increase his profits by using products that were not in compliance with the contract entered into," U.S. Attorney Trini Ross said in Wednesday's statement.

Cannon told the Army that the 3,650 filters he provided them were manufactured with American-made materials instead of "much cheaper filter paper" from China, prosecutors said.

After an employee refused to sign a certificate of compliance with the contract

standards, Cannon thrice signed doctored forms saying the products were up to snuff, a sentencing memorandum said.

"I signed them to get it done and made a very stupid decision to do so," Cannon said, according to the sentencing memorandum.

The filters are used at shelters and mobile hospitals and on Navy ships, the Justice Department statement said.

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Army sergeant convicted of rape amid divorce wins appeal

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The U.S. military's top appeals court has set aside the conviction of an Army sergeant for raping his foreign wife after ruling that the government deprived him of a fair trial by refusing to provide the defense with her immigration records.

Sgt. Ashraf Warda was convicted in October 2020 of raping his wife, whom he had married in Jordan and who has been living in the United States since 2017.

Warda's brother testified that she threatened unspecified consequences after he refused to help get her U.S. citizenship and pay a promised \$13,000 to \$15,000 dowry after Warda said he wanted a divorce.

Warda's trial attorney asked the judge to dismiss the charges or suspend the proceedings until immigration officials handed over her records.

In a Sept. 29 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces overruled a July 2022 ruling by the Army's appellate court upholding Warda's conviction.

The higher court said in a 4-1 ruling that the trial judge had abused his discretion by refusing to stop the proceedings until the records were in hand.

The case was returned to the Judge Advocate General of the Army, who can retry the defendant, ask the appellate court to revisit its decision, appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or drop the charges, according to Warda's ap-

peals attorney, William Cassara.

"We're obviously elated," Cassara said Thursday. "We believe Sgt. Warda was denied a fair trial. We are grateful the court of appeals agreed with us."

Cassara said it was unclear what option the Army would take. In the meantime, Warda, who was assigned to the 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., remains in prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

In denying the request to halt the trial, the court-martial judge at Fort Drum noted that "considerable efforts" were made to obtain the wife's records, but immigration officials refused the request, citing privacy issues.

In addition to the prison sen-

tence, Warda, who is an Egyptian-born Muslim, received a reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge. He was acquitted of sexual assault and of communicating a threat.

The case involved complex immigration issues, including whether the judge should have granted the defense's request to consult with an expert on immigration law and policy during the trial.

It also introduced the concept of a "talaq," a Muslim verbal declaration of divorce that becomes valid after a husband delivers it to his wife three times.

According to court records, Warda met his wife on Facebook in 2012 and married her three years later in her native Jordan.

She joined him in New York in May 2017 after obtaining her green card.

By September of that year, the marriage had dissolved after he declared the third and final talaq. When her demand for dowry money and help with citizenship was denied, she said, "You will see what I am going to do, and you will regret it," Warda's brother testified.

The woman made the rape allegation the following month, and the divorce was finalized in April 2018, court documents said. Her green card expired in 2019, but she remained in the United States, according to court documents.

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PACIFIC

Okinawa spouses talk support, challenges faced

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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Dozens of active-duty military spouses on Okinawa gathered here last week for a biannual conference to address the challenges they face in military life and to strengthen their network of mutual support.

The fall Okinawa Leadership Seminar began Tuesday and drew about 40 spouses from various branches to the Rocker Enlisted Club for three days of networking, panel discussions, group activities and lectures.

The group, a 501(c)3 non-profit, was founded by Marine Corps wives in 2016, based on a similar forum at Marine base Camp Pendleton, Calif., said Latoya Scott, group president and a Marine Corps spouse. The seminars have since spread to bases around the world.

“A lot of times we face challenges thinking we’re all by ourselves, so when you come to a seminar such as this, you realize, ‘I’m not alone,’” Scott said.

Military spouses face several challenges, from maintaining gainful employment to finding ad-

equate child care, and coping with food insecurity and issues with mental health, according to a 2021 Defense Department survey of active-duty spouses.

Women made up 91% of approximately 600,000 active-duty military spouses that year, according to a Defense Department demographics survey.

Of nearly 12,000 spouses who responded to the 2021 spouses survey, 21% were unemployed, mostly due to a lack of access to child care, 25% suffered low food security and more than half lacked regular access to child care, mostly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 80% had experienced at least one move from one military base to another, a permanent change of station, the data said. Only 49% reported being satisfied with the military way of life, down steadily since 2012, according to the report.

Participants in the survey were 87% female, the data said.

Henry Tapia, an Air Force spouse and the only male at the conference, said he attended to advance his goal of becoming more financially secure.

On Wednesday, the forum be-



MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Military spouses from across Okinawa network at the Rocker Enlisted Club on Kadena Air Base, Japan, during the fall Okinawa Leadership Seminar on Wednesday.

gan with professional headshots and a bingo variation that compelled attendees to introduce themselves to one another. Attendees wrote their questions and needs on message boards where others could respond.

A panel discussion followed with Scott, the public relations director; Christina Joy Glisson, the administrative director; seminar treasurer Jamie Conti; and Kathryn Roche. The women told their stories of starting businesses, going to school, raising children and struggling with moves and military life.

Glisson, a Marine Corps spouse, said she built a formidable resume through volunteer opportunities on bases where she lived. Scott described starting her own business,

Final Touch Models, in 2002 to fulfill a desire to make her own money.

“I like to do things outside of my kids and outside of my husband,” Scott said.

Conti implored the audience to take risks. The group also talked about the importance of self-care.

After a lecture on emotional intelligence, attendees separated into groups to discuss emotions and their consequences. Kelly Eaton, a Marine spouse and Defense Department preschool teacher, said she battles feelings of guilt for working rather than doing all of the housework of a stay-at-home mom.

“I know everything’s going to be fine at home; my husband’s very supportive,” Eaton said. “It’s just

my own feelings of guilt that I am not able to be there for everybody all the time.”

She was looking for tips to overcome these feelings and bring “balance” to her life, she said.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Leticia O’Connor, an information technology specialist with Fleet Support Unit Seven, attended the conference to prepare for the day when she must support her Navy husband as a civilian.

“Coming to this and seeing there’s so many independent women that are wanting to do more and learning; it’s phenomenal,” she said. “I’ve learned so much already.”

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Air Force moving Reaper squadron in Japan to Okinawa

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A U.S. Air Force squadron of MQ-9 Reaper drones is moving south to Okinawa from the Japanese island of Kyushu, according to a spokesman at this airlift hub in western Tokyo.

Eight Reapers and more than 150 airmen in the newly formed 319th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron are finishing a yearlong deployment to Kanoya Air Base, a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force base near the southern tip of Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan’s four main islands.

“We can confirm that the U.S. Pacific Air Forces plans to deploy MQ-9s and U.S. personnel from Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Kanoya Air Base to Kadena Air Base,” 1st Lt. Danny Rangel, a spokesman for the 374th Airlift Wing, said in an email Friday evening.

The aircraft headed to Kadena, a fighter base on Okinawa, will conduct airborne reconnaissance



CHRISTOPHER BROOME/U.S. Air Force

An MQ-9 Reaper of the 319th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron taxis before a demonstration flight at Kanoya Air Base, Japan, on Nov. 5, 2022.

in coordination with Japan’s Ministry of Defense, he said.

The Air Force is not releasing the dates when personnel and aircraft will move, for security reasons, Rangel said.

“We will continue to closely coordinate with the government of Japan on this deployment,” he said.

A spokesman for Japan’s Ministry of Defense said Friday that officials could answer questions about the move next week. Some

Japanese government officials may speak to the media only on condition of anonymity.

Japan, concerned about a Chinese military buildup and threats to invade Taiwan, has been boosting its defense capabilities on its southern island territories.

The two countries’ coast guards spar frequently at the Senkakus, a string of five uninhabited islands and three rocks 280 miles west of Okinawa, that are administered by Japan but claimed by Taiwan

and China, which refer to them as Diaoyu Dao.

It’s usually better for military forces to be based closer to their area of operations, according to Grant Newsham, a retired Marine colonel and senior researcher with the Japan Forum for Strategic Studies in Tokyo.

From Kyushu the Reapers could operate far south of Japan, he said by email Friday.

“There’s a political benefit to operating in Okinawa,” Newsham said. Such a move suggests Japan’s government is willing to absorb criticism from anti-American groups on the island, he said.

“They will accuse Tokyo of increasing the ‘burden’ on Okinawa, making it more of a target, militarizing the place even more,” he said.

Pacific Air Forces describes the Reaper as medium-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft.

The drone is primarily a surveillance aircraft but can carry an inventory of weapons, including Hellfire missiles and Paveway la-

ser-guided bombs, according to the Air Force.

The drones at Kanoya are configured for surveillance “and can’t be equipped with weapons,” according to a document from Japan’s Ministry of Defense posted on the Kanoya city website.

The Reapers, made by General Atomics of San Diego, can carry 3,000 pounds of ordnance; they first saw combat in Afghanistan in 2007 and then in Iraq the following year. The U.S. has employed them on numerous missions throughout the Middle East and Africa.

The Air Force began deploying RQ-4 Global Hawk surveillance drones to Misawa Air Base in northern Japan in 2014 and has flown them out of Yokota in recent years. The Navy deployed its MQ-4C Triton maritime surveillance drones to Misawa last year and to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, south of Hiroshima, last year.

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MIDEAST

Earthquakes kill thousands in Afghanistan

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ISLAMABAD — Men dug through rubble with their bare hands and shovels in western Afghanistan on Sunday in desperate attempts to pull victims from the wreckage left by powerful earthquakes that killed at least 2,000 people.

Entire villages were flattened, bodies were trapped under collapsed houses and locals waited for help without even shovels to dig out bodies.

Living and dead, victims were trapped under rubble, their faces grey with dust.

“Most people were shocked ... some couldn’t even talk. But there were others who couldn’t stop crying and shouting,” photographer Omid Haqjoo, who visited four villages Sunday, told The Associated Press by phone from Afghanistan’s fourth largest city, Herat.

Saturday’s magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit a densely populated area near Herat. It was followed by strong aftershocks.

A Taliban government spokesman on Sunday provided the toll that, if confirmed, would make it one of the deadliest earthquakes to strike the country in two decades.

An earthquake that hit eastern Afghanistan in June 2022, striking a rugged, mountainous region, flattened stone and mud-brick homes and killed at least 1,000 people.

People in Herat freed a baby girl from a collapsed building after she was buried up to her neck in debris. A hand cradled the baby’s torso as rescuers eased the child out of the ground. Rescuers said it was the baby’s mother. It



OMID HAQJOO/AP

Men search for victims after an earthquake in Zenda Jan district in western Afghanistan on Sunday.

was not clear if the mother survived. The video was shared online and verified by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake’s epicenter was about 25 miles northwest of Herat. It was followed by three very strong aftershocks, measuring magnitude 6.3, 5.9 and 5.5, as well as lesser shocks.

Abdul Wahid Rayan, a spokesman at the Ministry of Information and Culture, said Sunday the death toll is higher than originally reported. Villages have been destroyed, and hundreds of civilians are buried under the debris, he said while calling for urgent help.

“Besides the 2,060 dead, 1,240

people are injured and 1,320 houses are completely destroyed,” said Rayan. At least a dozen teams have been scrambled to help with rescue efforts, including from the military and nonprofit organizations like the Red Crescent.

The United Nations migration agency deployed four ambulances with doctors and psychosocial support counselors to the regional hospital. At least three mobile health teams were on their way to the Zenda Jan district, which is one of the worst-hit areas.

Doctors Without Borders set up five medical tents at Herat Regional Hospital to accommodate up to 80 patients. Authorities have treated more than 300 patients, ac-

cording to the agency. UNICEF dispatched thousands of supplies, including winter clothes, blankets and tarpaulins, as temperatures dropped.

Irfanullah Sharafzai, a spokesman for the Afghan Red Crescent Society, said seven teams were busy with rescue efforts while others were arriving from eight nearby provinces. They set up a temporary camp for the displaced, Sharafzai said.

Some aid groups, like the World Food Program, were already on the scene with essential items.

Later Sunday, people from surrounding villages brought equipment to support rescue efforts.

The first quake was the stron-

gest, causing the most damage and casualties, photographer Haqjoo said, quoting survivors.

Save the Children said the scale of the damage was horrific. “The numbers affected by this tragedy are truly disturbing — and those numbers will rise as people are still trapped in the rubble of their homes in Herat,” said the aid group’s country director for Afghanistan, Arshad Malik. “This is a crisis on top of a crisis. Even before this disaster, children were suffering from a devastating lack of food.”

He called for an “urgent injection” of money from the international community.

Neighboring Pakistan said it was in contact with Afghan authorities to get an assessment of the urgent needs.

China’s ambassador to Afghanistan, Zhao Xing, said his government and the country’s charitable institutions were ready to provide all kinds of help. “We are in contact with Afghan government aid agencies to provide aid to the needy,” he said on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Afghan cricket star Rashid Khan is donating all his Cricket World Cup fees to help Herat’s earthquake survivors. “Soon, we will be launching a fundraising campaign to call upon those who can support the people in need,” he told his 1.9 million followers on X.

Japan’s ambassador to Afghanistan, Takashi Okada, expressed his condolences on the social media platform X, saying he was “deeply grieved and saddened to learn the news of earthquake in Herat province.”

Airstrikes: Israeli leader says Hamas ‘will pay an unprecedented price’

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soldiers were seized by Hamas fighters during the mayhem and taken back to Gaza. From videos and witnesses, the captives are known to include women, children, and the elderly.

As many as 1,000 Hamas fighters were involved in the assault, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on ABC’s “This Week” — a high figure that underscored the extent of planning by the militant group ruling Gaza. The gunmen rampaged for hours, firing on civilians in towns, along highways and at a techno music festival being held in the desert near Gaza.

Civilians on both sides were already paying a high price.

A line of Israelis snaked outside a central Israel police station to supply DNA samples and other means that could help identify missing family members. Israeli

TV news aired a stream of accounts from relatives of captive or missing Israelis who wept and begged for assistance.

In Gaza, the tiny enclave of 2.3 million people sealed off by an Israeli-Egyptian blockade for 16 years since the Hamas takeover, residents feared an intensified onslaught. Israeli strikes flattened a number of residential buildings. More than 20,000 people who fled their homes crowded into schools run by the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, UNWRA, the agency said.

Several Israeli media outlets, citing rescue service officials, said at least 600 people have been killed in Israel, including 44 soldiers. The Gaza Health Ministry said 313 people, including 20 children, were killed in the territory. Some 2,000 people have been wounded on each side. An Israeli official said security forces have killed 400 militants and captured

dozens more.

An exchange of fire in northern Israel with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah raised fears of a spread of the conflict. Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets and shells Sunday at three Israeli positions in a disputed area along the border, and the Israeli military fired back using armed drones. Two children were lightly wounded on the Lebanese side, according to the nearby Marjayoun Hospital.

The Israeli military said the situation since was calm after the exchange.

Iranian-backed Hezbollah is estimated to have tens of thousands of rockets at its disposal. Since its brutal 2006 war with Israel, Hezbollah has stayed on the sidelines amid previous outbreaks of Israeli-Hamas fighting. But if destruction in Gaza escalates, it may feel pressure to intervene.

A major question was whether Israel will launch a ground assault

into Gaza, a move that in the past has brought intensified casualties.

The declaration of war announced by Israel’s Security Cabinet was largely symbolic, said Yohanan Plesner, the head of the Israel Democracy Institute, a local think tank. But it “demonstrates that the government thinks we are entering a more lengthy, intense and significant period of war.”

Israel has carried out major military campaigns over the past four decades in Lebanon and Gaza that it portrayed as wars, but without a formal declaration.

The Security Cabinet also approved “significant military steps.” The steps were not defined, but the declaration appears to give the military and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a wide mandate.

Speaking on national television Saturday, Netanyahu vowed that Hamas “will pay an unprecedented price.” He further warned:

“This war will take time. It will be difficult.”

In a statement, his office said the aim will be the destruction of Hamas’ “military and governing capabilities” to an extent that prevents it from threatening Israelis “for many years.”

Israelis were still reeling from the breadth, ferocity and surprise of the Hamas assault. The group’s fighters broke through Israel’s security fence surrounding the Gaza Strip early Saturday. Using motorcycles and pickup trucks, even paragliders and speedboats on the coast, they moved into nearby Israeli communities — as many as 22 locations.

The high death toll and slow response to the onslaught pointed to a major intelligence failure and undermined the long-held perception that Israel has eyes and ears everywhere in the small, densely populated territory it has controlled for decades.

MILITARY

House speaker vacancy raises risk of shutdown

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
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WASHINGTON — A prolonged leadership void in the House could have negative repercussions for the military, increasing the likelihood of a government shutdown that would leave troops without pay and jeopardizing critical weapons support for Ukraine, defense experts say.

The historic ouster of Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., from the speakership this week plunged the House into a state of paralysis that will extend to the Defense Department if a new speaker is not selected quickly, said William Galston, a senior fellow in the Governance Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, a center-left leaning Washington think tank.

“The defense of the United States is on autopilot,” he said.

House Republicans are expected to begin deliberations about who will take over as speaker this week.

If voting requires multiple ballots, as was the case with McCarthy in January, the process could take days. Congress faces a mid-November deadline for passing spending bills and avoiding a government shutdown.

“We now find ourselves in a dangerous situation,” said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. “Until Republicans stop their infighting, the House can vote on no bills. No appropriations work can get done. If, God forbid, some national crisis were to occur

that demands immediate action, the House would be unable to quickly respond.”

For now, the most urgent matter demanding lawmaker attention is military aid for Ukraine as it presses a counteroffensive against Russian forces, Galston said. The Pentagon has repeatedly warned Congress in recent days that it has exhausted nearly all available security assistance funding for Ukraine.

“This is a pretty critical time,” Galston said. “It’s a terrible time to have any interruption or threat of interruption of military resources, not to mention the kind of financial support that the [Ukrainian] government needs to keep operating.”

An increasingly vocal Republican faction in the House is against continued assistance for Ukraine and their opposition has held up a \$24 billion aid package requested by the White House in August. The aid is in limbo without a House speaker but its fate also hinges on who ultimately occupies the speaker position, experts said.

One candidate for the speakership, Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., has supported aid to Ukraine while another, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, has opposed it.

A speaker critical of Ukraine aid could still be persuaded to put it to a vote if most House members support it or the assistance is paired with a Republican priority such as immigration reform, said Travis Sharp, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary

Assessments, a Washington think tank with senior staff who worked for the Defense Department.

Galston said House members could also override the speaker through a procedural maneuver called a discharge petition, which would allow them to bring a bill to the floor without the speaker’s blessing. The petition requires 218 signatures. Most members of the House — 311 lawmakers — voted in favor of a program last week that arms and trains Ukrainians.

There is much less bipartisan consensus for an appropriations bill that would fund the Pentagon for the next year. House Republicans last month narrowly approved the spending bill after adding contentious provisions targeting abortion access, diversity initiatives and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin’s salary.

The House needs to reconcile its partisan version of the legislation with the Senate’s spending proposal if Congress wants to avoid a government shutdown without passing a short-term funding bill by Nov. 17. The Democrat-led Senate has yet to pass any of its appropriations bills.

“Even if a new speaker is selected relatively quickly, there is a wide gulf between the appropriations bills that the House Republicans are prepared to accept and the bills that a bipartisan coalition in the Senate will accept,” Galston said.

A similar gap exists between the House and Senate versions of the National Defense Authorization



CARLOS BONGIOANNI/Stars and Stripes

A government shutdown and Ukraine aid are at risk as the House speaker vacancy continues, defense experts say.

Act, an annual, must-pass policy bill for the Pentagon. The House version contains controversial conservative riders while the Senate version sidesteps them.

Work on the NDAA should not be affected by the turmoil in House leadership, at least for now, said Sharp, who is a Navy Reserve officer. The bill is typically passed by the end of December.

“Relative to the appropriations side, the NDAA still gets managed by the Armed Services committees in a way that protects the NDAA from being as wrapped up in some of these bigger political battles,” he said.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said this week that negotiations with his House counterparts will keep moving despite the disarray in the lower chamber.

Still, the extent of the discord within the House Republican ranks, where a vocal hard-right minority wields outsized influence, could eventually endanger the bipartisanship that has long been a hallmark of the NDAA, Sharp said.

“The risk is that there is a spillover of all this political bad blood and then the NDAA becomes just another battleground for all the fighting going on over the overall budget, over the speakership,” he said. “The Armed Services committees are going to be working hard to defend their bill but they can’t stop individual lawmakers from using it as a vehicle to advance their ideas.”

The injection of right-wing proposals into the House version of the NDAA was one of the reasons that Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., urged his caucus to vote for McCarthy’s removal on Tuesday.

Galston said the downfall of McCarthy and the fight to replace him adds yet another complication for a Defense Department already contending with the ongoing hold of more than 300 senior military nominees in the Senate.

“It must be a period of very great uncertainty and anxiety over at the Pentagon,” he said.

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Ex-soldier arrested for trying to give DOD secrets to China

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A former Army sergeant last assigned at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington with a military intelligence unit with access to top secret documents was arrested Friday on charges of attempting to deliver national defense information to China, the U.S. Justice Department announced.

Joseph Daniel Schmidt, 29, was taken into custody by federal agents at San Francisco International Airport as he arrived on a commercial flight from Hong Kong.

The arrest is based on an indictment issued Oct. 3 by a federal grand jury in Seattle. It charges two felonies: Attempting to deliver national defense information and retention of national defense information. Each charge carries

a punishment of up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Schmidt was stationed at Lewis-McChord from January 2015 to January 2020, according to FBI reports. His primary assignment was the 109th Military Intelligence Battalion. In his role, Schmidt had access to “secret” and “top secret” information.

After Schmidt’s separation from the military in early 2020, he allegedly tried to contact the Chinese consulate in Turkey, according to the FBI report. He later tried to contact Chinese security services directly via email and offered national defense information to them.

In the indictment, the FBI provided examples of emails sent to the Chinese from Schmidt.

“My name is Joe Schmidt. I am a United States citizen looking to move to China. I currently reside

in Istanbul and am trying to set up an appointment at the consulate in Istanbul,” Schmidt wrote to the Chinese consulate, according to federal officials.

Schmidt traveled in March 2020 to Hong Kong, where he continued efforts to provide Chinese intelligence services with classified documents obtained while he was serving at Lewis-McChord.

The FBI investigation said Schmidt retained a device that allows for access to secure military computer networks and offered the device to the Chinese to gain access to internal Defense Department networks.

Schmidt remained in China, primarily Hong Kong, until Friday when he flew to San Francisco.

The investigation of Schmidt by the FBI had been aided by the Army Counterintelligence Command, according to the Justice

Department.

Army Lt. Col. Jennifer J. Bocanegra, public affairs officer for I Corps at Lewis-McChord, said commanders at the Army-Air Force installation were just learning of the arrest and had no additional information at this time.

Lewis-McChord is 9 miles southwest of Tacoma and home to I Corps of the Army and 62nd Air-lift Wing of the Air Force. The base is used by all branches of the military for training and mobilization of forces. Just fewer than 31,000 soldiers and airmen are assigned to the base.

Schmidt is scheduled to be arraigned Friday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and then transported to the Western District of Washington for further court proceedings.

“Members of our military take a sworn oath to defend our country

and the Constitution,” said acting U.S. Attorney Tessa Gorman for the Western District of Washington. “In that context the alleged actions of this former military member are shocking — not only attempting to provide national defense information, but also information that would assist a foreign adversary to gain access to Department of Defense secure computer networks.”

Assistant Attorney General for National Security Matthew Olsen said in a statement that Schmidt, if guilty, broke the law and his oath of service with the Army, which did not lapse upon his separation from the military.

“Individuals entrusted with national defense information have a continuing duty to protect that information beyond their government service and certainly beyond our borders,” he said.

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CATHERINE DANIEL/U.S. Air Force

Airmen complete post-flight checks on F-15C Eagles at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on Oct. 3.

Air Guard sends Eagles to stand watch on Okinawa as Kadena sheds fighters

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A contingent of F-15C Eagles from the Air National Guard in two states arrived at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa recently to guarantee fighter coverage as the Defense Department retires the base’s aging fleet.

About a dozen Eagles began arriving Oct. 2 from the 144th Fighter Wing at Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif., and the 159th Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La., 18th Wing spokesman Lt. Col. Ray Geoffroy said by email Thursday. California Air Guard members primarily will operate the fighters.

The F-15s join Kadena’s remaining contingent of F-15C/Ds, F-15E Strike Eagles from Air Force bases in North Carolina and Idaho and F-35A Lightning II stealth fighters from Alaska, Geof-

froy said.
The Air Force, citing operational security, does not release the number of deployed aircraft or departure timelines.

Lt. Col. Jon Vanbragt, commander of the 144th Operations Group, in a Kadena news release Tuesday said his squadron was excited to work alongside and train with the 18th Wing and regional partners.

“Operating in the Indo-Pacific offers immense opportunities for our airmen and allies to strengthen our partnerships and continue to refine our tactics,” he said.

The Air National Guard F-15Cs will operate alongside fourth and fifth-generation fighters for the “coming months” to support the defense of Japan and “maintain regional stability,” Geoffroy said. Aircraft levels are mandated by the Defense Department.

The diverse fighter presence

gives the wing an “expanse of capabilities,” Col. Henry Schantz, 18th Wing Operations Group commander, said in the release.

“Each unit that deploys here brings their own distinct skill sets and experiences, and we look forward to working and learning with the next set of operators to meet pacing threats and continue building partnerships throughout the region,” he said.

Japan’s Defense Ministry did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Friday.

The Air Force is nearly halfway into a two-year plan to replace 48 aging F-15C/D fighters of the 44th and 67th Fighter Squadrons with rotating squadrons of more modern aircraft, including the fifth-generation F-35A and F-15E Strike Eagles.

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Group sues Naval Academy over race in admissions

The Washington Post

A group that recently sued to block the consideration of race in admissions to West Point filed a similar lawsuit Thursday against the U.S. Naval Academy.

The latest lawsuit from Students for Fair Admissions was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. It seeks to prevent the Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md., from taking race into account in the selection of an entering class of midshipmen.

Students for Fair Admissions sued the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, N.Y., on Sept. 19. Both suits are seeking to build on the group’s victory at the Supreme Court in June.

The high court delivered a landmark opinion striking down race-conscious admissions programs at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a ruling that affects colleges and universities throughout the country.

But a footnote in the ruling left open the question of race in admissions to the military service academies.

It stated that no military academies were a party to the lawsuits against Harvard and UNC

and that courts had not addressed “the propriety of race-based admissions systems in that context.”

Leaders at West Point, Annapolis and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., say that their admissions process is holistic and takes many factors into account, especially academic credentials and leadership potential.

They also indicated at a congressional hearing in July that the Defense Department is reviewing the Supreme Court decision and assessing any potential impact.

Last fall, U.S. Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar, representing the Biden administration in the Harvard and UNC cases, argued to the Supreme Court that racial and ethnic diversity is crucial for military readiness.

It is “a critical national security imperative to attain diversity within the officer corps,” she said at the time. “And, at present, it’s not possible to achieve that diversity without race-conscious admissions, including at the nation’s service academies.”

The Naval Academy said Thursday it does not comment on pending litigation.

US weaves web of intelligence links in Asia to counter China

Bloomberg News

The U.S. is deepening intelligence cooperation with countries across Asia as it looks to counter Beijing’s sophisticated spying apparatus and blunt Chinese cyber attacks.

The Biden administration has developed a set of separate but overlapping partnerships in Asia, including an intelligence-sharing arrangement with the “Quad” grouping of the U.S., India, Japan and Australia, according to U.S. officials who asked not to be identified discussing matters that aren’t public.

The web of relationships also includes trilateral partnerships among the U.S., Japan and South Korea, and one encompassing the U.S., Japan and the Philippines, the officials said.

The push also involves strengthened bilateral sharing of information with Japan, India and Vietnam, according to the officials, who added that a major focus of these relationships is boosting resilience to Chinese offen-

sive operations online.

These new and strengthened partnerships, known formally as intelligence liaison relationships, are in part aimed at reducing the growing power of China’s spy apparatus, which a recent U.K. parliamentary report described as the world’s largest. The administration effort is part of a broader drive to deepen links across the region amid growing alarm at the threat from Beijing.

“Intelligence liaison can serve as an important force multiplier,” said Daniel Byman, a specialist on the topic at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. “It can expand overall collection as different countries will have access to different secrets in different parts of the world.”

A White House spokesperson said U.S. cooperation in the region includes sharing information but declined to comment on specific relationships. In a meeting in the Oval Office on Thursday with CIA Director William Burns and

other top officials, President Joe Biden said he planned to discuss “our continued enhancement of stability in the Indo-Pacific.”

Japan has been deepening security cooperation with like-minded countries in Asia and the Indo-Pacific, including on intelligence and information, Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs Noriyuki Shikata said by email.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs declined to comment. The South Korean, Australian, Philippine and Vietnamese governments did not respond to requests for comment.

China’s increasing assertiveness in the region, combined with leadership changes in some capitals, has made countries such as South Korea and the Philippines more willing to cooperate of late, the U.S. officials said. Some partners in the region also hope the ties will provide some security in the event Donald Trump wins the U.S. presidential election next year. The closer links are already delivering results, the officials

noted.

Late last year, India was able to repel a Chinese military incursion in the Himalayas thanks to strengthened intelligence-sharing with the U.S. military, according to U.S. News & World Report. In May 2022, the Quad countries announced a pact that provides data from commercial satellites to countries across the Pacific, allowing them to track the activities of China’s maritime militia, as well as smuggling and illegal fishing.

Deepened ties with Japan in this area come after what Washington sees as a quiet push by Tokyo to resolve longstanding U.S. concerns about its ability to keep a secret, U.S. officials said. In May, the U.S. Space Force announced the delivery of sensitive satellite-tracking equipment to Japan.

In a meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Wednesday, Japan’s defense minister Minoru Kihara vowed to carry out a drastic upgrade of in-

formation protection and cyber security capabilities with American help, according to a readout from the Japanese Defense Ministry.

Still, obstacles remain -- not least because of questions about the U.S.’s own ability to keep a secret. In April, the Justice Department charged a 21-year-old National Guard airman, Jack Teixeira, with illegally disseminating classified information, including sensitive battlefield data about Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and revelations that the U.S. eavesdropped on allies such as South Korea.

The partnerships will complement the “Five Eyes” arrangement that has long been the cornerstone of U.S. intelligence partnerships. That informal network consisting of the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand has shifted its focus to China in recent years, but its exclusive English-speaking membership limits its reach and relevance in Asia.

EUROPE

Austin, Brown to help size up Ukraine troops' needs

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WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Air Force Gen. CQ Brown will travel to Europe this week to size up what weapons Ukrainian troops need now to fight Russian forces as Pentagon funds used to supply Ukraine military aid begin to run dry.

Austin and Brown, who was confirmed recently as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will travel to Belgium for a meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group—a coalition of about 50 allied countries that meet regularly to assess what the embattled country needs most to drive the Russians from its territory.

“I know the questions come up: ‘How long is [existing aid] going to last?’” Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon’s top spokesman, said Thursday. “It is all relative to what Ukraine’s most urgent security assistance needs are.”

“We have enough funding to last for a bit longer,” he added. “Austin

is singularly focused on making sure we’re working with Ukraine and our allies and partners to get what they need.”

The contact group meeting Wednesday will be the first since Congress passed a 45-day temporary government funding bill that did not include new military aid for Ukraine. The funding was passed last weekend to avoid a government shutdown, but aid was stripped from the deal so enough Republicans would vote for it.

President Joe Biden and most congressional lawmakers agree that it’s important to keep aid to Ukraine flowing, but a group of far-right Republicans in the House are opposed to sending more.

“If [Russian President Vladimir] Putin succeeds in Ukraine, he will not stop. He made this clear years ago when he said his mission in life ... was to re-create the Russian Empire,” Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Wednesday on the Senate floor. “It

is ironic in history how dictators can be so clear about what they want to do, but ignored by people who should stand up to them.”

Biden said Wednesday that he expects more aid to come when Congress finally authorizes a full budget for 2024 but added he’s worried the GOP-led chaos in the House could still present obstacles.

Pentagon Comptroller Michael McCord recently warned that Ukraine-related money is drying up. About \$5.4 billion remains for weapons sent to Ukraine on an emergency basis and another \$1.6 billion to replace weapons taken from Pentagon stocks for Ukraine. He said there’s no money left in the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, a fund that procures weapons from industry.

Another option that remains is reprogramming money, which allows the Pentagon to redirect existing funds for urgent matters. But Ryder told reporters at the Pentagon on Thursday that it’s not



JACK SANDERS/Office of the Secretary of Defense

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, left, speaks with Air Force Gen. CQ Brown, chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff, last month at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va. Austin and Brown will travel to Belgium this week for a meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group.

a long-term solution.

The Pentagon has also diverted weapons seized by the U.S. military to Ukraine. The Navy in December intercepted a shipment of ammunition from Iran to Houthis in Yemen. Last week, the Pentagon gave the bullets to the Ukrainians. In the past year, the Navy has intercepted several similar shipments, including one that yielded 2,100 AK-47s from Iran in January. It’s not yet known whether the U.S. might try to send those

weapons to Ukraine.

“Whether or not we will [do that again], it remains to be seen,” Ryder said.

Meetings of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group are often followed by new announcements of military aid packages. The last tranche of weapons two weeks ago included missiles, artillery and air-defense equipment valued at \$325 million.

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Russia reportedly setting up naval base in Georgian region

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News that Russia will establish a permanent naval base in Georgia’s breakaway region of Abkhazia is likely further proof that Ukraine is effectively winning the battle of the Black Sea off its coast, experts say.

On Thursday, Abkhazia’s leader, Aslan Bzhania, said his government had signed an agreement with Moscow to set up a base in the seaside Ochamchira district “in the near future.”

It’s part of wider efforts to increase the defense capabilities of both sides, Bzhania told Russian newspaper Izvestia.



MYKAELA MARTIN/U.S. Army

Georgian troops and first responders train with U.S. Special Forces in June in Batumi, Georgia. Russia is reportedly planning to build a naval base on the Black Sea coast of Georgia’s breakaway Abkhazia region.

base there for years.

“Moscow’s decision to enlarge a naval facility at Ochamchira may best be viewed as a Russian retreat, reflecting a realization that never again will Sevastopol be safe anchorage for Russia’s Black Sea Fleet,” said William Courtney, a former U.S. ambassador to Georgia and senior fellow at the Rand Corp.

As of Friday afternoon, the Kremlin had not commented on the base.

If the reports are true, the Russian actions would represent “a gross violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia,” the country’s Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement Thursday.

Russia recognized Abkhazia and another breakaway region, South Ossetia, as independent states in 2008 after a five-day war with Georgia in which Russian troops supported the separatists.

Russia has kept troops in both regions since, and Georgia continues to accuse Moscow of illegally occupying them.

At a 2008 summit, NATO promised to one day allow Georgia to join the alliance. The small country sent troops to support U.S.-led coalitions in Afghanistan and Iraq and regularly hosts a military exercise for NATO members.

But the government in Tbilisi has

taken an increasingly anti-Western stance in recent months, describing NATO expansion as the main cause of Russia’s war in Ukraine, refusing to supply weapons to Kyiv and refusing to sanction Moscow over the February 2022 invasion.

Russia may therefore assume that the U.S. and its allies are less likely to come to Georgia’s defense in the event of sharper Russian pressure, Courtney said.

“Georgians will now have to decide how they wish to balance relations between Russia, which threatens their country, and the West, which does not,” Courtney said.

Tbilisi’s efforts to build a more

pragmatic relationship with the Kremlin are partly due to concerns that Russia could try to seize more of its territory in light of the situation in Ukraine, experts say.

While a Russian naval base in Ochamchira would likely exacerbate these fears, its regional impact would probably be limited, according to Dmitry Gorenburg, a senior research scientist at the Virginia-based Center for Naval Analyses.

“It increases Russia’s options in terms of where it can place its ships,” Gorenburg said. “But I don’t think it’s going to lead to any kind of a sea change in overall balance of power or in Russian strategy in the region.”

Despite not having a navy, Ukraine has used domestically produced drones, commando raids and long-range cruise missiles provided by Western countries to repeatedly attack Russia’s Black Sea fleet.

Last month, Ukrainian forces bombed and partially destroyed the fleet’s headquarters in the heart of Sevastopol.

“NATO will be stepping up its surveillance and ensuring that we continue to have a very clear idea of how Russian naval assets are distributed,” retired Adm. James Stavridis, a former NATO supreme allied commander in Europe, said in response to the reports about the Abkhazia base.

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Marines moving to merge genders in boot camp

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PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.— Under a scorching sky at Marine Base Parris Island, two young recruits grapple awkwardly in hand-to-hand combat inside an Octagon training structure. Circling them, the drill instructor barks orders: “Hit her! Punch her! Do something!”

Outside the ring, a mix of male and female Marine hopefuls are helping each other put on protective headgear, preparing for their turn at combat. They are assigned to one of the mixed-gender recruit companies as the Marine Corps moves gradually — and at times reluctantly — to more integrated training at boot camp.

It’s been a bit hit-and-miss. While companies of men and women train together in the ring, on the obstacle course or at the range, the line of recruits outside the swimming pool presents a sharp contrast. There the companies are broken up into their smaller platoons that remain separated by gender. So as they line up, there is a small group of women standing rod-straight at the front with groups of men in formation behind them.

It’s a stark visual reminder that Corps leaders still fervently believe there must be a degree of segregation as they mold young people into tomorrow’s force of what they promote as the Few, the Proud, the Marines.

This summer — nearly eight years after the defense secretary at the time, Ash Carter, ordered all combat jobs open to women — the Marine Corps formally deactivated the 4th Marine Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island. Since 1949, all female recruits have gone through boot camp at the South Carolina base; the 4th Battalion was created in 1986 as the women’s unit.

The Marines have inched grudgingly toward integration. Marine leaders flatly opposed al-



STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

A detail of female U.S. Marine Corps recruits stand in platoon order outside the Marine Corps Recruit Depot pool after swim training June 28 in Parris Island, S.C.

lowing women in combat jobs, but Carter dismissed their arguments. Many Corps officers stridently defended the training separation, insisting that women could grow more confident quickly if they were not directly competing with their often larger or stronger male counterparts.

Under pressure from Congress, the Marines over the past four years gradually made the 4th Battalion coed, then disbanded it in June. The remaining recruit battalions include a mix of gender-integrated and all-male companies.

Now, Marine leaders say, boot camp is integrated.

But from watching the training for several days, it’s not that clear-cut.

Inside the pool, men and women struggle side by side, jumping off a platform and swimming to the other end. Some wear their fatigues inside out, identifying them as Marines who are just learning to swim and flailing the length of the pool in a mix of dog paddle and haphazard

overhand stroke. Instructors are also a mix of men and women, and they line the sides ready to toss a float or jump in if needed.

But outside, a group of recruits moving through the woods and then dropping to crawl across a stretch of blistering hot sand are all men trying to get through the final tests to become a Marine. A second group on a different part of the course also includes no women.

Brig. Gen. Walker Field, who heads the recruit depot, is insistent that keeping the platoons segregated by gender is key to the way the Corps makes Marines — by taking individuals, breaking them down and building them back up as team members.

“We have established a tried-and-true manner by which we train Marines that proves effective in transforming young Americans,” he said in a recent interview at Parris Island. “We break down their individuality and grow them as a team. We’re adamant about

that outcome. Having the platoon model is absolutely part of that.”

He added that by 2024, training at Marine Recruit Depot San Diego on the West Coast will also be fully integrated. Female recruits will then be split evenly between the two locations.

Field said keeping the platoons all one gender allows unit leaders to provide guidance and instruction tailored for each group when they are together in their barracks in the evenings. “Being the same gender at the platoon level allows us to optimize the training schedule every single day and every hour of the day,” he said.

Some measure of all-male companies would be necessary no matter what because there are not enough female recruits to go around. Of all the military services, the Corps has the smallest percentage of women, hovering between 8% and 9%.

Lt. Col. Aixa Dones and other female officers are also strong advocates of the continued segregation.

“As someone who came through this battalion as a recruit and has worked here as a young company grade officer, I would advocate that there’s goodness to there being all-female platoons,” said Dones, who served as the last commander of the 4th Battalion before its shutdown this year.

Speaking in the former battalion’s offices, now largely empty, she said she remembers being a young recruit, and “I can’t imagine it having gone any other way.” Noting that 17- and 18-year-olds are not too mature, she said they can easily get distracted by “liking and feelings and emotions.”

She and others have said keeping the men and women in separate platoons helps them stay focused and that changing to full integration could present problems.

Out near the firing range, Sgt. Maria Torres, a drill instructor, is working on firearm basics with her all-female platoon. The company-level integration, she said, is necessary and a good start. But expanding it to the platoon level might have consequences, so “we’d have to start small.”

But many disagree. They have said the separate platoons only reinforce the stigma that the women are not considered equal and should be treated differently.

Erin Kirk, a former Marine sergeant who went through the more segregated training in 2010, remembers the ridicule and the cat calls from male recruits who looked down on the women in the 4th Battalion. The split, she said, divided them into “male Marines” and “female Marines,” and that shaped the men’s view of the women and made it more difficult for them to work together as they moved along.

“It made you feel like you weren’t part of the team. It made it difficult to be seen as a real Marine,” said Kirk, who served for five years. “Now we have the opportunity to have equity and inclusion and not be seen as an ‘other.’”

2 sailors get prison in overdose death of 3rd sailor at Navy boot camp

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Two sailors pleaded guilty to providing a lethal dose of fentanyl to a fellow sailor at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., and were sentenced to more than two years in prison, according to the Navy.

Seaman Brandon R. Ledesma pleaded guilty last month to negligent homicide, obstruction of justice and distributing fentanyl to another sailor who died of an overdose Nov. 6, 2021, the Navy said in a statement and court documents. The name of the victim was redacted in the charge sheet for Ledesma, who was sentenced to 28 months in the brig,

reduction in rank to E-1 and a dishonorable discharge.

Seaman Recruit Caleb J. Taper pleaded guilty in a Sept. 15 court-martial to accessory after the fact, breaking restrictions, failure to obey an order, nine counts of possession of illegal drugs and larceny, according to the Navy. He was sentenced to 37 months in the brig, total forfeiture of pay and dishonorable discharge.

Taper’s conviction included possession of fentanyl, cocaine and delta-9, according to court records. His larceny conviction stemmed from stealing more than \$150 worth of video games and a teeth-whitening

pen from an on-base store Feb. 8.

At the time of the 2021 death, Ledesma and Taper were assigned to Naval Station Great Lakes and awaiting orders to attend Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., according to Katie Hewett, spokeswoman for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. The three sailors were in training together and lived in the same barracks building.

A brief narrative included in court documents stated Ledesma and Taper provided the victim with fentanyl, and the sailor collapsed after ingesting it. Neither sailor called emergency services. Instead, they moved the third sailor from one lo-

cation on the base to a bed within the same building because they feared criminal charges, according to the charge sheets.

The location where the incident occurred was redacted from the charge sheets.

Nearly a year ago, another sailor involved in the case was sentenced to three months in the brig, the Navy said. Seaman Apprentice Samuel Quan pleaded guilty Nov. 9, 2022, to failing to obey an order, violating a general order and unauthorized use of a military pass. He was reduced in rank to E-1 and fined \$10,000.

Fentanyl, an approved pain medication being produced and sold ille-

gally, has become a bigger factor in military overdose deaths in recent years — a trend mirrored in the civilian population. The drug was involved in 88% of military overdose deaths in 2021, according to Defense Department data provided to Congress earlier this year. Five years earlier, fentanyl was only involved in 36% of overdose deaths.

The drug killed nearly 70,000 Americans in 2021, according to the National Safety Council, a nonprofit safety advocacy group that tracks preventable deaths and injuries.

Trump’s GOP sway extends to race for House speaker

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is again testing the power of his endorsement.

With an early morning social media post on Friday, Trump inserted himself into the chaotic race to replace Kevin McCarthy as House speaker by backing Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan for the post. The move was the latest example of Trump attempting to flex his influence within a Republican Party he has already fundamentally reshaped in the eight years since his first White House bid.

“I think he does well. I hope he does well,” Trump, the front-runner for the 2024 GOP nomination, said of Jordan in a Friday interview with Real America’s Voice. “He’s got competition, as you understand. And they’re friendly with me, too. Very nice people and good people. We’ll see what happens.”

With Trump’s firm grip on the GOP base, his endorsement can effectively clear the field in many congressional primaries. But the speaker’s race is more complex, an intraparty fight that will play out in secret at points and in a tense environment with many Republicans furious about McCarthy’s ouster. Jordan is facing at least one other candidate — House Majority Leader Steve Scalise — who is also on good terms with Trump. It’s unclear whether anyone has enough votes to win the gavel and if Jordan were to lose, another Trump ally

could emerge.

Taken together, the dynamics mean that Trump’s backing of Jordan may do little to sway the results. And that may not ultimately matter much.

Regardless of who becomes the next speaker, Trump has undeniable sway over House Republicans. It was his supporters — led by Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz — who orchestrated McCarthy’s ouster and who have driven much of the House GOP’s agenda. They have been unable or unwilling to pull themselves from his grip and now find themselves heading toward another presidential election with him at the top of the ticket, even as many in the party worry about his electability in November and his potential impact on down-ballot races.

But other factors are at play in the complicated deliberations. Speaker’s elections are contests that can turn on personal relationships and deals between lawmakers that fall outside ideological lines.

It also remains unclear how much political capital Trump intends to use whipping votes on Jordan’s behalf. While Trump was poised to support Jordan, he was angry that Texas Rep. Troy Nehls broke the news before he was ready, according to two Republicans familiar with his thinking who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A Trump spokesman did not respond to requests for comment Friday.

Trump’s 11th-hour interven-



Former President Donald Trump, left, welcomes Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, to the stage at a campaign rally in support of now-Sen. JD Vance on Nov. 7, in Vandalia, Ohio. Trump, who is running for president again, recently endorsed Jordan to be House speaker.

tions helped McCarthy win the speakership after 15 rounds of voting back in January, but the holdouts in that case were Trump allies. This time most hardline conservatives were already lining up behind Jordan.

Instead, Jordan has been courting Republican moderates, trying to convince them that they will be heard if he is elected, despite his reputation as a hard-liner. Trump’s endorsement ties Jordan even closer to the former president, potentially making it more difficult for moderate members to support him.

For his part, Jordan said the endorsement would aid his bid for the gavel.

“He’s the leader of our party, and I think he’s going to be the next president,” Jordan told reporters Friday at the Capitol.

Beyond the immediate dynamics on Capitol Hill, Trump’s involvement in the speaker’s race speaks to his outsized role in the party. More than three months before the first votes of the 2024 campaign, Republicans are increas-

ingly open in referring to Trump as the party’s leader. That’s despite the fact that he faces four separate criminal indictments.

Scalise, a veteran member of leadership who is also vying for the speaker’s gavel, has support from a significant portion of the Republican Conference, while other GOP lawmakers are either looking elsewhere or waiting to make their choices known.

Trump’s involvement in the House GOP’s upheaval comes just as Republican leaders have been trying to tamp down the drama and soothe tempers. On Friday, a planned Fox News debate between the candidates was called off. Republicans are also trying to avoid the spectacle of a protracted speaker’s contest by finding a consensus candidate in closed-door meetings next week.

However, many are bracing for a dayslong contest. The last time they all gathered in the same room — shortly after McCarthy was removed as speaker — insults were hurled and some lawmakers even thought it could turn to blows.

Trump to Iowans: Help me ‘win big’

Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Donald Trump on Saturday called for a show of strength in Iowa, arguing before big audiences that dominating in the Republican presidential caucuses in January would signal to voters around the country his strength in the November election next year.

“We have to win big,” Trump told about 2,500 people in a downtown Cedar Rapids hotel ballroom on the second of his stops, part of a fall push to lock in supporters. “I think we’re in great shape in the primary. But it sets a tone for the general election.”

Trump’s afternoon stops in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids were his third and fourth in a little more than two weeks, part of a stepped-up campaign schedule as the opening contest for the 2024 Republican nomination approaches. Late-summer polls of likely GOP caucus attendees showed Trump well ahead.

Trump, who has drawn big audiences to eastern Iowa events in recent weeks, is expected to return again in mid-October, as Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis hopes to reignite attention with a stepped-up Iowa campaign and as former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley seeks to seize on new interest since the two GOP presidential debates with a built-out Iowa operation.

Trump drew 1,700 people in Waterloo for an event aimed at encouraging attendees to pledge to support him in the Jan. 15 caucuses. Hundreds more people waited outside, a sign of his advantage in the state and nationally.

Impeachments, forced removals emerge as partisan weapons in states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans in Wisconsin are threatening to impeach a recently elected state Supreme Court justice and raised the possibility of doing the same to the state’s election director.

A Georgia Republican called for impeaching the Fulton County prosecutor who brought racketeering charges against former President Donald Trump. Republicans in the Pennsylvania House have already impeached the top prosecutor in Philadelphia.

None of the targets met the bar traditionally set for impeachment — credible allegations of committing a crime while in office. Their offense: staking out positions legislative Republicans didn’t like.

As Republicans in Congress begin their impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden, the process is



Republican legislative leaders have threatened to impeach Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Janet Protasiewicz.

calling attention to the increasing use of impeachment in the states as a partisan political weapon rather than as a step of last resort for officeholders believed to have committed a serious offense.

It’s not just impeachment. Over the past two years, Republicans also have sought to pry Democrats and nonpartisan executives from office through recalls, legislative maneuvers and forced removals, even when no allegations of wrongdoing have surfaced.

To some, the moves appear anti-democratic — actions that could have major implications if they become routine and supplant the ballot box as the final arbiter of an election.

“If voters cannot go to the voting booth and cast their ballot without the fear of an election being vacated and their vote being rendered null and void, what’s the point of having elections in the first place?” said Melissa Agard, a Democrat who is the Senate minority leader in Wisconsin. “This is the fundamental promise of our nation.”

The political power moves have

most recently been on display in her state and generated national attention. Republican legislative leaders there have threatened to impeach a liberal Supreme Court justice, Janet Protasiewicz, who won her seat by more than 10 percentage points this year in an election that flipped the Wisconsin court to liberal control for the first time in 15 years.

Republicans want her to withdraw from redistricting cases involving the state’s gerrymandered political map, which has given the GOP outside control of the Legislature in a state where Democrats have won most statewide executive offices. They cite her campaign statements and fundraising, even though other justices have acted similarly without sanction.

On Friday, the state’s Supreme Court agreed to hear a challenge to the gerrymandered maps on a parti-

san 4-3 vote, with the new justice declining to step aside, thereby increasing the chances of an impeachment.

Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has been the most outspoken in threatening impeachment, but has stopped just short of promising to take that action.

Richard Hasen, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said impeachment and recall are intended for cases where there seems to be a clear abuse of power.

“It’s important to have these powers because sometimes you don’t want to wait for a bad actor’s term to end before they’re removed from power,” he said. “But I think what we’ve seen is a greater willingness to play political hardball and that these devices that are meant to stop abuse could potentially be themselves abused.”

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Biden’s dog no longer at White House after bites

DC WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden’s dog, Commander, is “not presently on the White House campus” following a series of biting incidents involving White House staff and U.S. Secret Service officers, a spokesperson for first lady Jill Biden said last week.

Elizabeth Alexander, the first lady’s communications director, said Biden and his wife care deeply about the safety of White House staff and those who protect them.

Alexander did not say where the dog was sent. The 2-year-old German shepherd was last seen Saturday on an upper balcony of the White House.

Commander had been involved in a series of biting incidents, most recently on Sept. 25. A uniformed Secret Service officer was bitten at the White House that night and was treated by on-site, said Secret Service chief of communications Anthony Guglielmi.

Giraffe feces seized from woman at airport

MN MINNEAPOLIS — Federal customs agents pooh-poohed the plans of an Iowa woman who wanted to make jewelry from giraffe feces she picked up in Kenya and brought to the U.S. in her luggage.

The woman declared the small box of feces when she was selected to have her belongings inspected upon arriving at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport on Sept. 29, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.



Giraffe feces that was confiscated from a passenger arriving from Kenya

The woman, who was not identified, told officials she planned to use the waste to make a necklace, as she had done in the past with moose poop.

Giraffe poop can be brought back to the U.S. with the proper permits and inspections, according to Minnesota Public Radio. The station reported that the woman won’t face sanctions because she declared the feces and gave it to Customs.

Indianapolis police capture cheeky monkey

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Momo the monkey’s taste of freedom is over.

The primate spurred a search on Indianapolis’ east side after he escaped last week from his owner’s property. But the male patas monkey was finally captured safely the next morning, police said.

Momo was captured by the brother of the monkey’s owner af-



JOE BURBANK, ORLANDO (FLA.) SENTINEL/AP

Mermaid and friend

Mermaid “Citrine” swims with turtles at Sea Life Orlando Aquarium last week in Orlando, Fla. Citrine and other mermaids from Denver-based Wands & Wishes are on their 2023 national tour with underwater performances at aquariums across the U.S., including in Missouri, Virginia, Texas, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, Mississippi and Kentucky.

ter police tracked the primate to the bathroom of a house under construction, said Lt. William Carter of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

“That was more than enough monkey business for us,” the department said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, to announce Momo’s capture.

After his capture, Momo was turned over to the Indianapolis Zoo, said Katie Trennepohl, deputy director of Indianapolis Animal Care Services. While a permit is not required in Marion County to own such an animal, she said the prosecutor’s office will work with Animal Care Services to determine whether Momo will be returned to his owner.

Record deer population spurs plea for hunters

MS RAYMOND — Mississippi’s deer population is bigger than ever before, prompting state officials to encourage hunters to catch an extra target total this year.

Mississippi is home to more than 1.5 million deer, a state record, according to the Mississippi

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. In an effort to keep the deer population under control, the department gave hunters the green light Wednesday to grow their harvests during the current and upcoming hunting seasons.

Deer hunting is a \$1 billion industry in Mississippi, McKinley told WAPT-TV. The dates for hunting seasons around the state vary based on location, weaponry and the types of deer.

Court takes case against baker who refused job

CO DENVER — On the heels of a U.S. Supreme Court victory this summer for a graphic artist who didn’t want to design wedding websites for same-sex couples, Colorado’s highest court said it will now hear the case of a Christian baker who refused to make a cake celebrating a gender transition.

The move by the Colorado Supreme Court is the latest development in the legal saga involving Jack Phillips and LGBTQ+ rights. Phillips won a partial victory before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2018 after refusing to make a gay

couple’s wedding cake.

He was later sued by Autumn Scardina, a transgender woman, after Phillips and his suburban Denver bakery refused to make a pink cake with blue frosting for her birthday and to celebrate her gender transition.

Scardina, an attorney, said she brought the lawsuit to “challenge the veracity” of Phillips’ statements that he would serve LGBTQ+ customers. Her attorney said her cake order was not a “set up” intended to file a lawsuit.

Subway shooter who hurt 10 receives life sentence

NY NEW YORK — A man who sprayed a New York City subway car with bullets during rush hour, wounding 10 people and sparking a citywide manhunt, was sentenced last week to life in prison after several of his victims tearfully and angrily recounted their ongoing trauma.

Frank James, 64, pleaded guilty earlier this year to terrorism charges in the April 12, 2022, mass shooting aboard a Manhattan-bound train. He received a life sentence on 10 counts and 10 years

for an 11th count of discharging a firearm during an act of violence.

Three of his victims spoke in court of the physical and emotional pain they continue to experience more than a year after the attack in a packed subway car. They described the panic and the splattered blood on the train, and how they used their own clothes as tourniquets to stanch the bleeding from victims’ wounds.

During his own 15-minute address to the court, James expressed contrition for his actions but criticized the country’s mental health system, saying it had failed especially people of color like him.

Ex-Coast Guard Academy professor resigns post

MA DUDLEY — A former Coast Guard Academy professor whose tenure coincided with a sexual harassment scandal has resigned as president of Nichols College in Massachusetts.

Glenn Sulmasy stepped down Tuesday amid an investigation initiated by Nichols after accusations from Sulmasy’s time at the academy came to light.

A Coast Guard investigation was first reported by CNN, which later reported that a performance evaluation during Sulmasy’s time at the academy cited inappropriate communications with cadets and subordinates. CNN reported that the Coast Guard considered charging him with conduct unbecoming of an officer.

Settlement reached in freezer death of woman

IL CHICAGO — The mother of a 19-year-old Chicago woman who was found dead in 2017 in a freezer at a suburban hotel where she had attended a party has reached a settlement in her lawsuit against the hotel and others.

A settlement was reached in August, Cook County court records show, but it has not been entered on the court docket because attorneys for Kenneka Jenkins’ mother have asked that the terms be sealed from the public, the Chicago Tribune reported.

The lawsuit was filed in December 2018 against Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rosemont, its security company and a restaurant that rented the walk-in freezer in which Kenneka Jenkins was found dead. It alleged the defendants were negligent because they didn’t secure the freezer or conduct a proper search following Jenkins’ disappearance. The suit initially sought more than \$50 million in damages.

Jenkins was found dead inside the freezer on Sept. 10, 2017, nearly 24 hours after she disappeared from a ninth-floor room at the Crowne Plaza where she had attended a party with as many as 30 other people.

NATION

Student loan repayment plan rollout hits snags

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL
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Mary Ansell thought it was strange when she received two student loan payment statements on the same day last month.

One statement said Ansell's monthly payment had dropped to \$0, a change she expected after taking on a part-time job at a lower salary. Then a second statement from her servicer, the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA), said she would owe \$99 a month.

Confused, Ansell called her servicer. A representative promised the company would reprocess her payment. In the meantime, her loans have been put in forbearance.

"It frustrates me that everything is so disorganized," said Ansell, 29. "It just feels like everyone involved should have been more prepared."

As student loan payments resume for many borrowers this



Biden

month, Ansell is among some who are discovering their expected payments are wrong. The issue is especially frustrating for people enrolled in a much-touted new repayment plan that the Biden administration said could save the typical borrower \$1,000 a year. More than 4 million people have enrolled in the Saving on a Valuable Education plan, which bases monthly bills on income and family size.

Interviews with a half dozen people involved in the rollout of the plan, commonly known as SAVE, reveal the Education Department and the student loan servicers it uses to manage its \$1.6 trillion portfolio are contending with administrative errors that have produced inaccurate payment amounts. The miscalculations reveal deep-seated

problems within the repayment apparatus. They also expose tensions that have emerged as the Biden administration enacts sweeping policies without adequate funding and with a short timeline for implementation.

"We're seeing people receive payment amounts that are hundreds of dollars more than what it's supposed to be," said Abby Shafroth, the director of the National Consumer Law Center's Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project. "It is creating a lot of confusion, distrust and frankly making people extremely anxious."

The Education Department says it immediately directed servicers to notify affected borrowers and put them into administrative forbearance until they were able to calculate the correct payment amount. Borrowers will be offered a refund of any recent payments, and any time they were put in forbearance to remedy the error will

be credited toward payment counts needed for loan forgiveness programs.

"We take our oversight role very seriously," the agency said in a statement, "and when mistakes happen, we work swiftly to resolve them and make sure there is as little impact as possible on borrowers."

The department estimates that 420,000 borrowers have been affected by the miscalculations. Still, it may be difficult to gauge the full extent of the problem, with piles of applications yet to be processed.

President Joe Biden announced the new repayment option in August 2022 alongside his effort — since struck down by the Supreme Court — to forgive up to \$20,000 in federal student debt per borrower. But the details of the new plan didn't emerge until January. Although the plan takes full effect in 2024, the Education Department was keen on opening enrollment and launching some components

before student loan payments resumed this fall, after a three-year pause because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Chief among the new features is an increase in the amount of income exempted in calculating a borrower's payment, to 225% of the federal poverty level instead of 150%.

But in August, as servicers began switching people enrolled in an older income-driven plan, known as Revised Pay as You Earn, to the new one, the Education Department said MOHELA inadvertently used the 2022, instead of 2023, poverty guidelines. The error was quickly corrected.

Shafroth worries that even if errors are corrected, the entire ordeal will make borrowers further distrust the student loan system.

"The administration only has one chance to make a first impression," she said. "So even if they're making this correction, in some cases, the damage is already done."

Powerball jackpot up to \$1.55B as lottery losing streak continues

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Powerball jackpot climbed to an estimated \$1.55 billion after no one matched the game's six numbers Saturday and won the giant prize.

The numbers drawn Saturday night were: 47, 54, 57, 60, 65 and red Powerball 19.

The \$1.55 billion prize is for a sole winner who is paid through an annuity, with annual checks over

30 years. Most jackpot winners opt for cash, which for the next drawing Monday night would be an estimated \$679.8 million.

The jackpot is now the world's fourth-largest lottery prize after

rolling over for 34 consecutive drawings, since the last time someone won the top prize on July 19. That streak trails the record of 41 draws set in 2021 and 2022.

The scarcity of Powerball jack-

pot winners reflects the game's daunting odds of 1 in 292.2 million.

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WORLD

German conservative opposition set to win two state elections

By GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's center-right opposition was set to win two state elections on Sunday at the halfway mark of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's unpopular national government, according to exit polls, which showed gains for a far-right party.

Germany's national interior minister, who had faced an uphill struggle in a bid to become governor of her home region, appeared headed for a heavy defeat.

About 9.4 million people are eligible to vote for the new state legislature in Bavaria and around 4.3 million in neighboring Hesse, a region that includes Germany's financial capital, Frankfurt. Both states are led by the country's main opposition Union bloc, made up of the Christian Democratic Union and the Bavaria-only Christian Social Union.

Exit polls for ARD and ZDF public television showed the CSU,

which has led Bavaria since 1957, on course to extend that run with support of around 37% — little changed from five years ago and around 20 points ahead of its nearest rival. In Hesse, the CDU was seen winning about 35% of the vote, making gains and also far ahead of its rivals.

The far-right Alternative for Germany party, which has risen to second place in national polls behind the Union, won't be a factor in determining the new governments of Bavaria or Hesse, as other parties refused to work with it. But the exit polls showed it winning 15% to 16% of the vote in Bavaria and 16% to 17% in Hesse, improving on double-digit showings when those two states last voted in 2018.

The exit polls pointed to disappointing results for the three national governing parties — the Social Democrats, the Greens and the pro-business Free Democrats. Both the Greens and Scholz's So-

cial Democrats, which put up national Interior Minister Nancy Faeser as its candidate, had hoped to take the job of Hesse's conservative governor, Boris Rhein.

But neither party looked to be anywhere near challenging the CDU's 24-year hold on the job. Exit polls showed them on about 16%, vying with Alternative for Germany, or AfD, for second place.

Scholz's governing coalition has turned off voters with repeated public squabbling, notably on a plan to replace fossil-fuel heating systems with greener alternatives.

The exit polls pointed to the Free Democrats falling short of the 5% support needed to stay in Bavaria's state legislature and uncertain of hitting that mark in Hesse. Previous election flops for the party have fueled tensions in the national government.

"We do a lot of good things with each other and talk them down at times," said Omid Nouripour, the



DANIEL KARMANN, DPA/AP

Bavaria region governor Markus Soeder, left, and his wife Karin, center, cast their votes as election supervisor Wolfram G'bisch stands by, in Nuremberg, Germany, on Sunday.

Greens' national co-leader. And he said that "above all, AfD's results are alarming and we must do everything to win back confidence."

The general secretary of Scholz's party, Kevin Kuehnert, acknowledged that there was "a message to Berlin" in losses for all three governing parties in two states.

Scholz's government also faces intense pressure to reduce the number of migrants arriving, a major issue ahead of elections.

Faeser, who leads the federal government's response on that issue, said the result in Hesse was "very disappointing." She had made clear before the election that she would only return to Hesse if elected as governor.

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New role for Reba: Life advice coach

Country icon McEntire talks about collaborating with Dolly Parton, looking ‘tough sexy’ and living ‘Not That Fancy’

BY MARIA SHERMAN
Associated Press

Want to live like Reba McEntire? You're in luck.

The country music and entertainment icon just released a new album Oct. 6 to partner with her new book, "Not That Fancy: Simple Lessons on Living, Loving, Eating, and Dusting Off Your Boots."

The book, which arrives Tuesday, is a collection of recipes, memoir, photos, and lifestyle tips. The "Not That Fancy" album is a collection of acoustic covers of McEntire's biggest hits, with a few surprises thrown in. Like Dolly Parton, who takes the place of Linda Davis on "Does He Love You."

The book, McEntire explained over the phone, is "about things not having to be so fancy or structured. Whether it's a dinner party or going out to eat, having friends over. If you don't have your brand-new couch in, you've got to cover your old couch, that's fine. People don't care. They just want to get together and have fun."

Re-recording some of her most recognizable songs in an intimate fashion just felt like the perfect partner for a book that already crosses mediums. "It's not just a cookbook. It's not just a photo album. It's not a storybook. It's an eclectic group of everything," she explains.

"And I had to proofread it, so I went through it several times and never got bored with it. And I have the attention span of a 3-year-old, so for me not to get bored with it is a huge compliment to the book."

McEntire spoke to The Associated Press about her new album, book, and dressing "tough sexy."

This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: The book came first, then the album. Where did the idea for acoustic covers originate?

McEntire: We had done (the compilation album) "Remixed, Revised and Revisited," and so we pulled some of those songs. Working with (producer) Dave Cobb, that was an album that was stripped down, that we wanted to pull from. And we added some more songs to it, brand new songs, which is our new single called "Seven Minutes in Heaven." And it just worked out really good to be "not that fancy."

Dolly Parton takes the place of Linda Davis on this version of "Does He Love You." How did the collaboration come to be?

Well, we were picking out the songs for the album, "Does He Love You" came up and we were all like, "Well, if we did it again, who we like to have sing with you?" We all started pitching names and put them in the hat. When somebody said "Dolly," everybody just said, "Oh, absolutely, we got to ask Dolly." And she said yes.

Brooks & Dunn joined you again for "If You See Him/If You See Her."

We all got in the studio together. Of course, Dolly and I didn't get to record together because of the pandemic, but Ronnie (Dunn) and Kix (Brooks) came in and we love to perform and sing together. We're good friends. So, it was a great day hanging out at the studio.

They are terribly notorious for being pranksters. When we first started our tour in the early '90s, that was my first rule: No pranks. We do not like pranks. And so when Kix and myself, when we were singing "Cotton Fields," he kind of kept spitting on

me. We got off the stage, of course, and we walked back to the dressing room. I said, "Would you please quit spitting in my face?" And that's when he gave me a big yellow rain slicker the next night.

Ha! Did re-recording these songs transform them, in some way?

You get used to hearing something a certain way, and then when it is stripped down to just a few instruments, you got to get comfortable with it again. You kind of have to relearn it. And some of the songs we slowed down, changed the tempo, and it just made it a totally different song. So, I thought it was a great idea and a great way to give the fans something different.

In the book, you describe your style as "tough sexy." What is "tough sexy"?

I'm a tomboy at heart. I grew up on a working cattle ranch. I worked outside with my older sister Alice and my older brother Pake and little sister Susie. We had to do the chores with the men and then come in and us girls had to take care of things with Momma. So, I always considered myself a tomboy, but I still like to dress up and be sparkly with rhinestones and glitter and fringe and all that kind of stuff. So "tough sexy," to me,

when they say, "How do you like to dress?" "I like tough sexy." "Well, what's that?" "In my cowboy clothes with a sexy side of it." That's my interior design, also.

"Not That Fancy" offers simple living advice. What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Overall, have fun. And also, don't sweat the small stuff. Don't worry that you don't have eight glasses that match. Use Solo cups or paper plates, whatever you want to use, but have your friends over. Do not postpone a get together because you don't have the perfect set up in your house, or maybe the house cleaner didn't come, or maybe you didn't feel like cleaning your house. Don't worry about it. They just want to see you.



Country musician Reba McEntire released a new acoustic album Oct. 6 called "Not That Fancy." It pairs with a new book that's titled, "Not That Fancy: Simple Lessons on Living, Loving, Eating, and Dusting Off Your Boots."

AP

Brooks, Yearwood talk about Habitat for Humanity work

BY MARIA SHERMAN
Associated Press

Two days into Habitat for Humanity's annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Week Project, hosted by Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, and the country legends were feeling the burn.

"Well, we're sore," Yearwood said, laughing. "We're all here for the same reason, which is to help everybody have a roof over their head. So, it's a great cause. It's a great experience."

This year, the project was held at a large-scale affordable housing neighborhood in Charlotte, N.C. Construction began on Oct. 1, coinciding with Jimmy Carter's 99th birthday. It was celebrated with a



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Garth Brooks, left, and Trisha Yearwood, shown May 11, hosted Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Week Project last week.

"Happy Birthday" sing-along for the former president currently in hospice care at home.

"You learn several things" when working alongside the Carters, Yearwood said. "You learn that you better be working all the time — if you look like you're standing there idle, President Carter will ask you if you need a job, if you need something to do."

"This work site without them, we're calling that 'being Cartered.' If you get caught without a job, you've been Carter'ed."

Brooks and Yearwood first became involved with Habitat for Humanity following Hurricane Katrina and were named Habitat Humanitarians in 2016.

Yearwood says they've built alongside the former president and first lady on every annual

work project they've participated in, with the exception of this one.

Yearwood also told The Associated Press she's working on new music, writing when the songs come to her, but there's no rush.

"We got married almost 18 years ago to be together, to not be apart," she says. "So, whoever's touring the other one is there, whether they're on stage or not. So, we work together all the time."

Brooks has spent a large part of the year performing at a Las Vegas residency, which will extend into 2024.

"It's a moment of magic for us. Always has been," he says of the shows.

"We've been pretty lucky in the

fact that everything we do comes back to people loving people. Inclusion, inclusion, inclusion. This is the perfect example of it. If you come to Vegas, you'll see a room full of it, and I'm very lucky to get to play for those people."

Habitat might prove to a musical inspiration as well.

"There's a pretty sweet rhythm so you can pick up some good old, good old hammer tracks here," Brooks jokes.

"And it's funny how you'll find yourself just start to sing a song or hum a song to the rhythm of the atmosphere."

"So, it's in our lives. You can't escape it. And it's fun to get to share it with these people."



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OPINION

Bowman scandal should set off Supreme Court alarms

By JASON WILLOCK
The Washington Post
Jan. 6 case with underrated implications for American democracy is sitting without fanfare on the Supreme Court's docket. The court might be inclined to turn it down to avoid exposing itself to a partisan maelstrom. But an ongoing scandal involving Rep. Jamaal Bowman, D-N.Y., and a fire alarm on Capitol Hill shows the need for the justices to clean up lower courts' mess sooner rather than later.

The case, *Miller v. United States*, involves the breadth of an unlikely federal law that has been used to charge about 300 Jan. 6 Capitol riot defendants. In the 2002 Corporate and Criminal Fraud Accountability Act, part of Sarbanes-Oxley, Congress provided that anyone who corruptly "alters, destroys, mutilates, or conceals a record, document, or other object" with intent to impair its "integrity or availability for use in an official proceeding" — or "otherwise obstructs" or "influences" a proceeding — can be imprisoned for up to 20 years. The background for the law was the Enron accounting scandal in 2001. It has been used since then to punish tampering with evidence in investigations.

But the Justice Department, apparently intent on imposing the maximum punishment on those who participated in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot, developed a new use of the law. Ignoring the bulk of the language about destroying evidence, it claimed that the law's "otherwise" clause can cover, for the first time, participation in a riot — even though, as the Miller petition notes, "every traditional criminal act on January 6 is covered by a more specific criminal statute, such as those proscribing tres-

pass and assault."
Most, but not all, lower-court judges have blessed this prosecutorial innovation. One dissenting judge argued that the Justice Department's interpretation would make the law "implausibly broad," potentially sweeping in "large swaths of advocacy, lobbying, and protest."
Perhaps prosecutors thought this legal maneuver could be one-and-done, aimed at Jan. 6 participants, and no one else, because of the singular gravity of that event. That's not how criminal law works, especially when partisan politics is involved. Now that the statute's traditional limits have been removed, it's no longer clear what sort of mischief and disruption in and around Capitol Hill is covered by the felony punishable by up to 20 years.
That brings us to Bowman. On Sept. 30, as Democrats tried to buy time to assess a last-minute government funding bill favored by GOP leadership, the congressman pulled a fire alarm in the Cannon House Office Building.
Accusing Bowman of deliberately setting off the alarm to obstruct House proceedings, Republicans have introduced resolutions to censure or expel him. Capitol Police are investigating, and Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, R-N.Y., among others, has suggested he is guilty of the same obstruction offense as Jan. 6 rioters. Bowman and his defenders say he was rushing from the office building to the House floor to vote and that confusing signage led him to think the alarm would open a door.
Whether there's fire in the Bowman scandal or merely smoke (either is possible), the fierce debate around the incident shows how the flawed Jan. 6 precedent has raised the le-

gal stakes when congressional disruptions occur. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., grilled Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco in April on why the Justice Department was not pursuing major felony charges against progressive protesters who allegedly tried to interrupt a House Judiciary Committee hearing.
A New Republic article last week argued that "Republicans are continuing their campaign to downplay the January 6 insurrection, this time by comparing the violent riot to Representative Jamaal Bowman pulling a fire alarm." It's true that some Republicans want to opportunistically equate the two events.
But that shouldn't be relevant to the Supreme Court one way or another. The point for the court is that the Justice Department has unleashed a prosecutorial power that Congress never clearly authorized but that could cover semiregular disturbances on Capitol Hill — and that partisans are championing at the bit to use against one another. Far from going away after the Jan. 6 cases are disposed of, the controversy over what constitutes obstruction in a polarized and chaotic Congress is likely to grow without judicial clarification.
The party out of power tends to see the greatest threat to democracy from political repression. The party in power tends to see the greatest threat to democracy from populist mayhem. If the Supreme Court doesn't correct prosecutors' application of this powerful law, the United States is more likely to experience a cycle of both.

tions were depressingly low.
Such biases infiltrate not only promotion decisions but conversations about who gets which assignments. Peer-reviewed academic studies have consistently found that women and minorities get over-assigned grunt work and under-assigned glory work. When considering a woman with a wealth of experience, the decision-makers may decide that perhaps experience isn't as necessary as they thought; what's really needed is "fresh thinking" and "new energy"—which they then readily identify in a younger male candidate. But when considering a high-profile project for an early career woman, the conversation turns to questions like, "Has she ever run a project this big before?" and "Will clients take her seriously?" Suddenly, fresh thinking doesn't seem so important. A man with more experience will get the assignment.
How is a person supposed to demonstrate potential if they're not given a chance?
To make promotions fairer, companies need to be more rigorous about holding everyone to a consistent standard — to make sure that the best assignments are distributed more equitably and that when promotion season comes around, they aren't shifting the goal posts. Discussions about subjective leadership qualities should be balanced with evidence of concrete achievements.
That will help ensure promotions go to the people who have earned them.

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Managers, stop overlooking female workers' potential

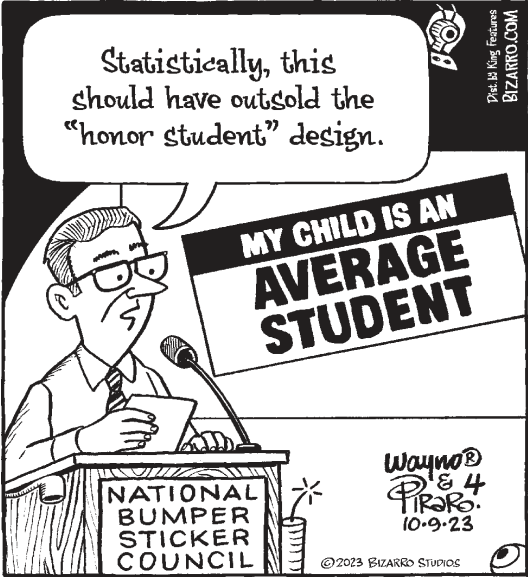
By SARAH GREEN CARMICHAEL
Bloomberg Opinion
According to a new report by McKinsey and LeanIn.org, young women are just as ambitious and qualified as young men, but they are not getting promoted to managerial roles at the same rate. The discrepancy persists at every level of management. By the middle and senior management levels, the lack of women is painfully obvious. For every 100 men promoted to management, only 87 women are. Among Black women, that number falls to a dismal 54.

The report underlines that the typical excuses companies give for a gender imbalance — that women have lower aspirations or less confidence, or take time off for kids — aren't the biggest hurdle women face. The big problem is that women tend to get promoted on their past performance while men get promoted on perceived potential. That makes it easier for men to get the nod more quickly.
The findings in the report are stark, but they shouldn't surprise anyone who has been paying attention. Other studies have identified similar patterns.
For instance, a recent paper by researchers at the University of Minnesota, Yale and Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that managers in a large retail chain saw women as having less leadership potential even though their performance reviews were better, on average, than those of their male peers.
Analyzing data on 30,000 employees, the researchers found that overperforming didn't do much to improve women's scores on leadership potential. Their bosses continued to un-

derestimate them. Part of the problem is that "potential" is a bit slippery — like vision, charisma and gravitas, all traits that other studies have found people are quicker to associate with men. Subjective traits are hard to prove with performance metrics.
The impact on women's careers adds up. "Taken together, we find that gender differences in potential ratings can explain up to 50% of the overall gender promotion gap," the authors of that study wrote. Although 56% of entry-level workers were female, the numbers slipped at every level — to 48% of department managers, 35% of store managers and 14% of district managers.
That's eerily similar to McKinsey and LeanIn's latest findings on the workforce overall, and from a similar cause: Managers consistently overemphasize potential and are quicker to identify men as having it.
Why don't managers learn to see women's potential, especially when women keep outperforming their expectations? It stems from a phenomenon that Joan C. Williams, a long-time scholar of gender and race in the workplace, labels "prove-it-again" bias, in which women and minorities need to have better qualifications or more years of experience to reassure their bosses that they are up to the task of bigger challenges. Men are more likely to get the benefit of the doubt — and, as an Australian study from earlier this year found, to get a promotion without even asking for one.
"I didn't realize you were such an Excel wizard" or "Wow, you're extremely articulate" might sound like compliments. But to the recipient, the tone of surprise often communicates a hidden message: that the speaker's expecta-

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Loose Parts



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

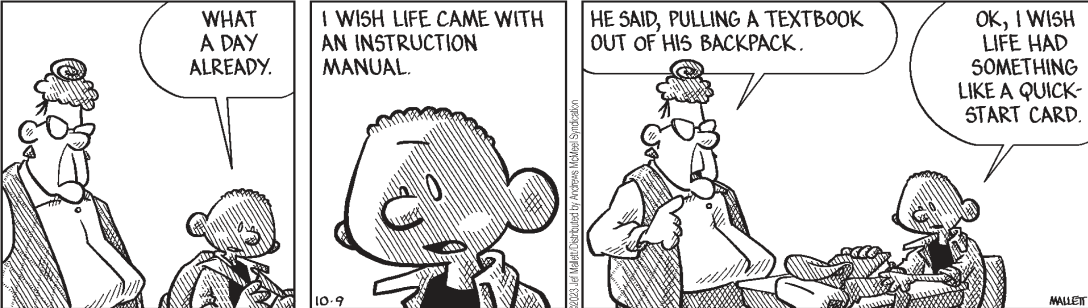
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- ACROSS
- 50 Firmament
- 51 Attic buildup
- 23 Star
- 25 Layered pasta entrees
- 26 Stagger
- 27 Rani's dress
- 29 Gilpin of "Frasier"
- 31 Small digit
- 33 Steak tartare ingredient
- 34 Candy bar nut
- 36 Job-safety org.
- 37 "Bonanza" son
- 38 Coup d'—
- 39 Lady of Spain
- 40 Gross
- 43 Annoy
- 44 Baton Rouge sch.
- 45 Small batteries
- 46 Retired jet
- DOWN
- 1 Body art, for short
- 2 Yucatan "Bravo!"
- 3 Online info list
- 4 New
- 5 Penne — Vodka
- 6 Journalist Tarbell
- 7 Family tree entry
- 8 Commit, as time
- 9 Flair
- 10 Prime-time hour
- 11 Golf pegs
- 13 Melodies
- 19 Dorm furniture
- 20 Pub serving
- 21 Young cow
- 22 Actor O'Shea

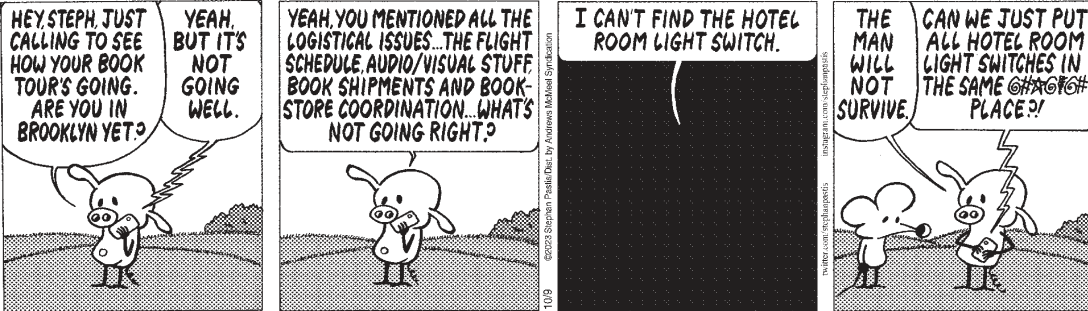
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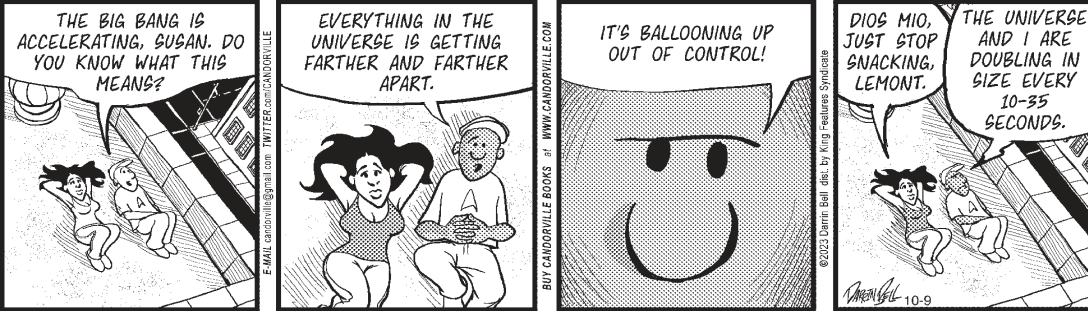
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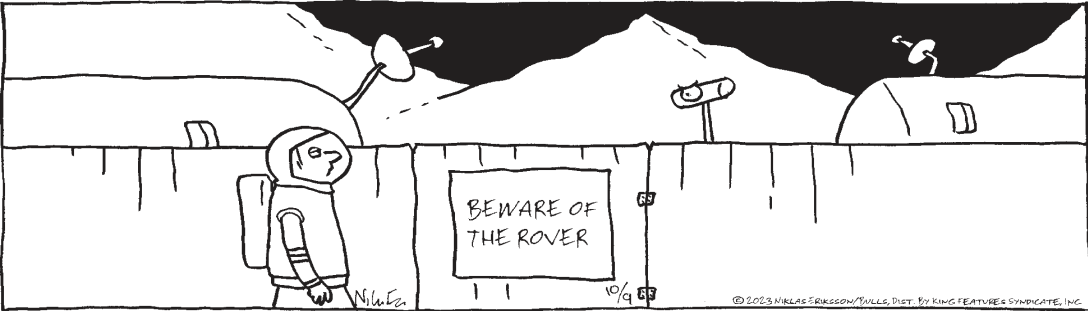
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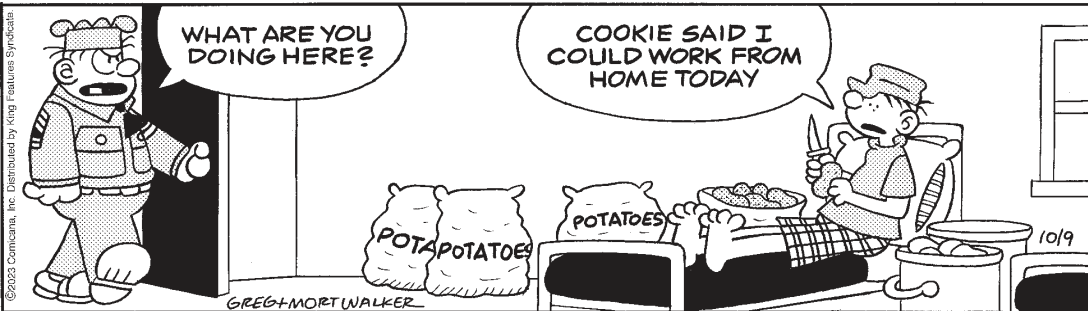
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: RETRIEVING DOG
HAVING CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AT DOING
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS: A CHEMISTRY LAB.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals F

SCOREBOARD

PRO SOCCER

MLS							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Cincinnati	20	5	8	68	55	37	
x-Orlando City	17	7	9	60	53	39	
x-Philadelphia	15	8	10	55	56	39	
x-Columbus	15	9	9	54	65	45	
x-New England	14	8	10	52	54	42	
x-Atlanta	13	9	11	50	64	51	
x-Nashville	12	10	10	46	36	29	
CF Montréal	12	16	5	41	35	50	
D.C. United	10	14	10	40	45	49	
New York	10	13	10	40	35	39	
Chicago	10	13	10	40	39	50	
Charlotte FC	9	11	12	39	42	50	
NYCFC	8	11	14	38	34	39	
Inter Miami CF	9	17	6	33	39	51	
Toronto FC	4	19	10	22	26	57	
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-St Louis City	17	11	5	56	62	43	
x-LAFC	14	10	9	51	53	38	
x-Seattle	13	9	11	50	39	32	
x-Houston	13	11	9	48	48	37	
x-Vancouver	12	10	11	47	54	47	
x-RSL	13	12	7	46	45	48	
Portland	11	12	10	43	45	55	
San Jose	10	10	13	43	38	42	
FC Dallas	10	10	12	42	36	35	
Sporting KC	11	14	8	41	45	50	
Minnesota	10	12	11	41	45	48	
Austin FC	10	15	8	38	48	54	
LA Galaxy	8	13	11	35	48	61	
Colorado	5	16	11	26	25	52	

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
y-clinched conference
x-clinched playoff

Saturday's games	
Columbus 1, Atlanta 1, tie	
D.C. United 2, New York City FC 0	
Cincinnati 1, Miami 0	
CF Montréal 4, Portland 1	
New York 3, Toronto FC 0	
Orlando City 3, New England 2	
Nashville 0, Philadelphia 0, tie	
Los Angeles FC 4, Austin FC 2	
Charlotte FC 2, Chicago 0	
San Jose 1, FC Dallas 1, tie	
Houston 5, Colorado 1	
Minnesota 5, LA Galaxy 2	
Sporting Kansas City 3, Real Salt Lake 2	
Vancouver 0, Seattle 0, tie	
Sunday, Oct. 14	
New England at Nashville	
Colorado at FC Dallas	
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy	
Wednesday, Oct. 18	
Charlotte FC at Miami	

NWSL							
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Portland	10	6	5	35	41	27	
San Diego	10	7	4	34	29	22	
North Carolina	8	7	6	30	28	22	
Gotham FC	8	7	6	30	23	22	
Washington	7	5	9	30	26	28	
OL Reign	8	8	5	29	26	24	
Orlando	9	11	1	28	26	28	
Louisville	6	6	9	27	25	22	
Houston	6	6	8	26	15	15	
Angel City	6	7	7	25	24	28	
Kansas City	8	12	1	25	28	34	
Chicago	7	11	3	24	28	47	

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday, Oct. 6	
Louisville 3, Orlando 2	
Washington 0, OL Reign 0, tie	
Saturday's games	
Portland 1, Gotham FC 0	
San Diego 0, North Carolina 0, tie	
Kansas City 6, Chicago 3	
Sunday's game	
Angel City at Houston	
Sunday, Oct. 15	
North Carolina at Washington	
Kansas City at Gotham FC	
Houston at Orlando	
OL Reign at Chicago	
Portland at Angel City	
Louisville at San Diego	

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA playoffs	
x-if necessary	
Finals	
(Best-of-five)	
No. 1 Las Vegas vs. No. 2 New York	
Sunday: at New York	
Wednesday: at New York	
Sunday, Oct. 15: at Las Vegas	
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: at Las Vegas	
x-Friday, Oct. 20: at New York	

AUTO RACING

Drive for the Cure 250	
NASCAR Xfinity Series	
Saturday	
At Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course	
Concord, N.C.	
Lap length: 2.28 miles	
(Start position in parentheses)	
1. (1) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 67 laps, 47 points.	
2. (7) Cole Custer, Ford, 67, 35.	
3. (3) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 67, 34.	
4. (9) Riley Herbst, Ford, 67, 33.	
5. (14) Kaz Grala, Toyota, 67, 32.	
6. (6) Parker Kligerman, Chevrolet, 67, 46.	
7. (4) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 67, 48.	
8. (38) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 67, 39.	
9. (8) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 67, 34.	
10. (5) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, 67, 42.	
11. (22) Sammy Smith, Toyota, 67, 35.	
12. (17) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, 67, 33.	
13. (25) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 67, 24.	
14. (31) Myatt Snider, Toyota, 67, 23.	
15. (10) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 67, 28.	
16. (12) Jordan Taylor, Chevrolet, 67, 21.	
17. (32) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 67, 20.	
18. (29) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 67, 20.	
19. (28) Rajah Caruth, Chevrolet, 67, 0.	
20. (33) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 67, 17.	
21. (26) Leland Honeyman, Chevrolet, 67, 16.	
22. (23) Parker Retzlaff, Chevrolet, 67, 15.	
23. (15) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 67, 14.	
24. (16) Connor Mosack, Toyota, 67, 13.	
25. (18) Josh Bilicki, Ford, 67, 15.	
26. (13) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 67, 11.	
27. (20) Sage Karam, Ford, 67, 10.	
28. (24) Blaine Perkins, Chevrolet, 67, 9.	
29. (11) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 67, 8.	
30. (21) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 67, 7.	
31. (35) Joe Graf Jr, Ford, 67, 6.	
32. (36) Kyle Sieg, Ford, 67, 5.	
33. (37) Alex Guenette, Toyota, 67, 4.	
34. (19) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 66, 5.	
35. (34) Conor Daly, Chevrolet, 66, 0.	
36. (30) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, accident, 63, 1.	
37. (2) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, accident, 60, 11.	
38. (27) Brett Moffitt, Ford, ignition, 40, 1.	
Race statistics	
Average speed of race winner: 77.38 mph.	
Time of race: 2 hours, .0 minutes, 31 seconds.	
Margin of victory: 0.909 seconds.	
Caution flags: 4 for 12 laps.	
Lead changes: 10 among 5 drivers.	
Lap leaders: S.Mayer 0; J.Allgaier 1-4; S.Mayer 5-17; J.Allgaier 18-22; S.Mayer 23-38; J.Nemechek 39-40; S.Mayer 41-57; J.Burton 58; J.Allgaier 59; C.Custer 60-63; S.Mayer 64-67	
Leaders summary (driver, times led, laps led): S.Mayer, 5 times for 50 laps; J.Allgaier, 3 times for 10 laps; C.Custer, 1 time for 4 laps; J.Nemechek, 1 time for 2 laps; J.Burton, 1 time for 1 lap.	
Wins: J.Nemechek, 7; A.Hill, 4; J.Allgaier, 3; S.Mayer, 3; C.Custer, 2; C.Smith, 1; S.Smith, 1; J.Burton, 1; R.Truex, 1.	
Top 16 in points: 1. J.Nemechek, 3055; 2. A.Hill, 3039; 3. J.Allgaier, 3035; 4. S.Mayer, 3020; 5. C.Custer, 3018; 6. C.Smith, 3009; 7. S.Creed, 3008; 8. S.Smith, 3006; 9. D.Hemric, 2103; 10. P.Kligerman, 2100; 11. J.Berry, 2062; 12. J.Burton, 2041; 13. R.Herst, 739; 14. B.Jones, 674; 15. B.Moffitt, 619; 16. K.Grala, 564.	

TENNIS

Shanghai Masters	
Saturday	
At Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena	
Shanghai	
Purse: \$8,800,000	
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor	
Men's Singles	
Round of 64	
Stefanos Tsitsipas (4), Greece, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.	
Tommy Paul (12), United States, def. Sebastian Ofner, Austria, 6-3, 6-0.	
Nicolas Jarry (22), Chile, def. Terence Atmane, France, 7-5, 6-2.	
Daniil Medvedev (2), Russia, def. Cristian Garin, Chile, 6-3, 6-3.	
Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, def. Jan-Lennard Struff (21), Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.	
Jannik Sinner (6), Italy, def. Marcos Giron, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-2.	
Carlos Alcaraz (1), Spain, def. Gregoire Barrere, France, 6-2, 7-5.	
Taylor Fritz (7), United States, def. Yosuke Watanuki, Japan, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (6), 6-4.	
China Open	
Saturday	
At National Tennis Center	
Beijing	
Purse: \$5,127,389	
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor	
Women's Singles	
Semifinals	
Iga Swiatek (2), Poland, def. Coco Gauff (3), United States, 6-2, 6-3.	
Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Elena Rybakina (5), Kazakhstan, 7-6 (7), 6-3.	
Women's Doubles	
Semifinals	
Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, def. Magda Linette, Poland, and Peyton Stearns, United States, 7-5, 6-4.	
Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Ingrid Martins and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 6-2, 6-2.	

Sanderson Farms Championship

PGA Tour	
Saturday	
At Country Club of Jackson	
Jackson, Miss.	
Purse: \$8.2 million	
Yardage: 7,461; Par: 72	
Third Round	
Ben Griffin	67-63-66—196 -20
Carl Yuan	66-66-67—199 -17
Luke List	66-66-68—200 -16
Henrik Norlander	65-67-68—200 -16
Scott Stallings	68-67-65—200 -16
Cameron Champ	67-69-65—201 -15
Zecheng Dou	67-66-68—201 -15
Ludvig Aberg	67-69-66—202 -14
Adam Svensson	67-69-66—202 -14
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	66-69-68—203 -13
Joel Dahmen	69-67-68—204 -12
Mark Hubbard	69-68-67—204 -12
Troy Merritt	68-65-71—204 -12
Erik Van Rooyen	67-68-69—204 -12
Harry Higgs	69-64-72—205 -11
Tom Hoge	71-65-69—205 -11
Chad Ramey	70-68-67—205 -11
Harrison Endycott	67-65-74—206 -10
Lanto Griffin	67-70-69—206 -10
Chesson Hadley	64-69-73—206 -10
C.T. Pan	68-69-69—206 -10
Alex Smalley	70-69-67—206 -10
Richy Werenski	70-69-67—206 -10
Brett White	68-70-68—206 -10
Wesley Bryan	67-68-72—207 -9
Tommy Gainey	71-67-69—207 -9
Nick Hardy	68-70-69—207 -9
Beau Hossler	68-67-72—207 -9
Russell Knox	66-70-71—207 -9
Peter Kuest	68-67-72—207 -9
Peter Malnati	66-71-70—207 -9
Ryan Palmer	69-68-70—207 -9
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Tyler Duncan	69-68-71—208 -8
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Vince Whaley	68-70-70—208 -8
Kevin Chappell	71-67-71—209 -7
Michael Gligic	72-67-70—209 -7
Scott Harrington	71-68-70—209 -7
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Nicholas Lindheim	67-71-71—209 -7
Cameron Percy	70-68-71—209 -7
Ross Steelman	70-68-71—209 -7
Robert Streb	70-68-71—209 -7
Chris Baker	71-68-71—210 -6
Akshay Bhatia	66-72-72—210 -6
Eric Cole	71-68-71—210 -6
Lucas Herbert	70-69-71—210 -6
Lee Hodges	69-70-71—210 -6
Andrew Landry	70-67-73—210 -6
Hank Lebioda	67-71-72—210 -6
Ben Martin	70-68-72—210 -6

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL	
Major League Baseball	
American League	
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated RHP Bryan Baker.	
HOUSTON ASTROS — Activated RHP Ryne Stanek.	
MINNESOTA TWINS — Activated RHP Bailey Ober.	
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated LHP Cody Bradford.	
National League	
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Activated LHP Kyle Nelson.	
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated LHP Max Fried from the 15-day IL and RHP Daysbel Hernandez from the 60-day IL. Activated SS Vaughn Grissom.	
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Activated RHP Michael Lorenzen.	
FOOTBALL	
National Football League	
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Promoted RB Corey Clement and DL Ben Stille to the active roster from the practice squad.	
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed S Daryl Worley on injured reserve. Promoted RB Kenyan Drake and WR Laquon Treadwell to the active roster from the practice squad.	
BUFFALO BILLS — Reinstated LB Von Miller from the physically unable to perform (PUP) list. Placed CB Tre'Davious White on injured reserve. Promoted CB Ja'Marcus Ingram and DT Kendal Vickers to the active roster from the practice squad.	
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Promoted CB Dicaprio Bootle to the active roster from the practice squad.	
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Promoted WR Kwamie Lassiter II to the active roster from the practice squad.	
DALLAS COWBOYS — Promoted LB Malik Jefferson and TE Sean McKeon to the active roster from the practice squad.	
DENVER BRONCOS — Reinstated S P.J. Locke from injured reserve.	
DETROIT LIONS — Placed FB Jason Cabinda on injured reserve. Reinstated LB Julian Okwara from injured reserve. Activated WR Jameson Williams from the exempt list. Promoted WR Dylan Drummond to the active roster from the practice squad.	
HOUSTON TEXANS — Reinstated OT Tytus Howard and P Cameron Johnston from injured reserve. Promoted CB D'Angelo	

GOLF

The Ascendant		
LPGA Tour		
Saturday		
At Old American Golf Club		
The Colony, Texas		
Purse: \$1.8 million		
Yardage: 6,517; Par: 71		
Third Round		
yo Joo Kim	64-68-70—202	-11
arah Kemp	67-71-69—207	-6
xi Thompson	71-65-71—207	-6
rida Kinhult	71-69-68—208	-5
nicole Broch Estrup	69-70-70—209	-4
o Yeon Ryu	72-69-68—209	-4
arah Schmelzel	70-70-69—209	-4
eline Boutier	69-67-74—210	-3
ofia Garcia	66-68-76—210	-3
ianca Pagdanganan	70-70-70—210	-3
atthaya Thitikul	70-69-71—210	-3
aria Torres	69-68-73—210	-3
ottie Ardina	72-70-69—211	-2
ei-Ling Hsu	72-70-69—211	-2
eaona Maguire	70-67-74—211	-2
atherine Muzi	73-69-69—211	-2
ariajao Uribe	69-71-71—211	-2
u-Sang Hou	66-72-74—212	-1
una Nishimura	69-69-74—212	-1
arah Jane Smith	71-70-71—212	-1
ndsey Weaver-Wright	68-73-71—212	-1
ng Yan	74-70-68—212	-1
arina Alex	67-70-76—213	E
odi Ewart Shadoff	71-72-70—213	E
lly Ewing	71-70-72—213	E
harley Hull	72-69-72—213	E
un-Hee Ji	73-70-70—213	E
erina Mendoza-Piller	73-67-73—213	E
mily Pedersen	70-71-72—213	E
enny Shin	68-73-72—213	E
ydney Clanton	72-68-74—214	+1
aria Fassi	72-71-71—214	+1
ongseun Lee6	71-72-71—214	+1
zahara Munoz	66-71-77—214	+1
eiwei Zhang	69-71-74—214	+1
ennifer Chang	69-71-75—215	+2
emma Dryburgh	71-71-73—215	+2
annah Green	69-73-73—215	+2
linami Katsu	68-75-72—215	+2
heyenne Knight	70-71-74—215	+2
uixin Liu	71-72-72—215	+2
nnie Park	73-68-74—215	+2
iaowen Yin	71-69-75—215	+2
line Krauter	71-69-76—216	+3
aalimi Noh	69-74-73—216	+3
uise Ridderstrom	69-72-75—216	+3
avarisa Yoktuan	73-68-75—216	+3
aravee Boonchant	72-71-74—217	+4
yo Joon Jang	72-68-77—217	+4
melia Lewis	70-71-76—217	+4
ichanee Meechai	71-71-75—217	+4
u-Hyun Oh	73-69-75—217	+4
lauren Stephenson	71-71-75—217	+4
ewi Weber	72-72-73—217	+4
na Belac	72-72-74—218	+5
aula Creamer	72-72-74—218	+5
aris Davidson	73-71-74—218	+5

NFL/GYMNASTICS

Etienne’s 2 TDs lift Jags past Bills

By KEN MAGUIRE
Associated Press

LONDON — Travis Etienne rushed for 136 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns and the Jacksonville Jaguars beat the jet-lagged Buffalo Bills 25-20 on Sunday at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

The Jaguars (3-2) may not want to leave London after getting back-to-back wins in the British capital, ending Buffalo’s three-game winning streak and proving they can hang with an AFC powerhouse.

The Bills (3-2) had routed their past three opponents but looked tired at times, rushed for only 29 yards, and had a rash of injuries.

Etienne scored on a 35-yard run with just under three minutes left after carrying it in from 6 yards earlier.

Josh Allen twice brought the Bills back late in the fourth quarter. He ran it in from 3 yards to complete a 75-yard drive that took just 45 seconds, making it 25-20 before the two-minute warning.

With the Bills out of timeouts, the Jags punted to the Buffalo 6, leaving the Bills just 22 seconds. Stefon Diggs caught a pass and tried to lateral it, but Jacksonville recovered the fumble.

In between Etienne’s touchdowns, Allen completed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Gabe Davis to cut the deficit to five points with 4:03 to play.

Allen was 27-for-40 for 359 yards and two touchdowns. Diggs had eight catches for 121 yards and a touchdown and Davis had six catches for 100 yards and a score.

The Jags survived two costly strip-sack lost fumbles by Trevor Lawrence, both times in Buffalo territory.

The Jags led early when Zay Jones made an acrobatic play to haul in a 6-yard touchdown pass in

the back of the end zone in the first quarter and Etienne added the two-point conversion.

Lawrence finished 25-for-37 for 315 yards, with the touchdown and two lost fumbles.

Diggs channeled his inner Ronaldo after catching a 15-yard touchdown pass to get Buffalo on the board with 1:14 left in the half. The wide receiver, who had promised fans a soccer-style celebration if he scored, beat cornerback Tyson Campbell off the line of scrimmage.

The Jags quickly moved the ball to the Buffalo 12, but edge-rusher A.J. Epenesa’s strip-sack and fumble recovery ended the Jacksonville threat with 10 seconds left in the half. Epenesa beat left tackle Cam Robinson — just back from suspension — on Lawrence’s blind side.

Epenesa and Leonard Floyd each finished with two sacks.

Early in the fourth quarter, defensive tackle Ed Oliver sacked Lawrence and recovered the fumble at the Buffalo 32.

The Bills lost starting linebacker Matt Milano to a knee injury in the first quarter.

The Josh Allen vs. Josh Allen showdown only came into play when the Jags’ edge rusher was flagged for roughing the passer late in the game to give the Bills the ball first-and-goal from the 9. The Bills then scored to make it 18-13 on Davis’ touchdown.

The Jags were roundly booed running onto field by the overwhelmingly partisan Buffalo crowd. Quarterback Josh Allen’s blue game jersey comprised the unofficial plurality. Bills great Thurman Thomas was on hand pregame to hype the crowd. Front row fans in one end zone had a banner with Von Miller’s image saying they came from France and want a picture with the Bills star.



Jaguars running back Travis Etienne Jr., right, gets away from the Bills’ Terrel Bernard, on ground, and Ed Oliver on Sunday.

Scoreboard

American Conference						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	1	0	.750	150	119
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	159	80
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	62	84
New England	1	3	0	.250	55	97

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	105	102
Houston	2	2	0	.500	96	79
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	97	99
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	72	70

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	99	58
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	76	60
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	62	100
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	49	94

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	101	60
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	110	104
Denver	1	3	0	.250	100	150
Las Vegas	1	3	0	.250	62	101

National Conference						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	118	90
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	124	41
Washington	2	3	0	.400	109	160
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	46	122

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84	68
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	62	77
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	62	76
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	67	102

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	106	83
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	100	96
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	90	95
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	115	157

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	4	0	0	1.000	125	58
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	111	91
L.A. Rams	2	2	0	.500	98	85
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	88	102

Thursday’s game	
Chicago	40, Washington 20

Sunday’s games	
Jacksonville 25, Buffalo 20, London	
Baltimore at Pittsburgh	
Carolina at Detroit	
Houston at Atlanta	
N.Y. Giants at Miami	
New Orleans at New England	
Tennessee at Indianapolis	
Cincinnati at Arizona	
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams	
Kansas City at Minnesota	
N.Y. Jets at Denver	
Dallas at San Francisco	
Open: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay	

Monday’s game	
Green Bay	at Las Vegas

Thursday, Oct. 12	
Denver	at Kansas City

Sunday, Oct. 15	
Baltimore vs Tennessee	at London
Carolina at Miami	
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	
Minnesota at Chicago	
New Orleans at Houston	
San Francisco at Cleveland	
Seattle at Cincinnati	
Washington at Atlanta	
New England at Las Vegas	
Arizona at L.A. Rams	
Detroit at Tampa Bay	
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets	
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo	
Open: Pittsburgh, Green Bay	

Monday, Oct. 16	
Dallas	at L.A. Chargers

Thursday, Oct. 19	
Jacksonville	at New Orleans

Calendar	
Oct. 17-18	— Fall League Meeting, New York.
Oct. 31	— Trade deadline.



The United States’ Simone Biles won gold on balance beam Sunday at the Gymnastics World Championships in Antwerp, Belgium.

Biles ends worlds with 4 more golds

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

ANTWERP, Belgium — Simone Biles’ appetite for victory is insatiable.

The American superstar claimed a third, then a fourth gold medal at the 2023 gymnastics world championships Sunday by winning the women’s balance beam and floor finals in dominant fashion on the final day of the competition.

Biles started the afternoon with a superb beam routine, oozing confidence throughout. She had no hesitation on her jumps and delivered controlled spins before dismounting in style, with just a small hop when landing. She earned a score of 14.800 points to win ahead of China’s Zhou Yaqin by a margin of just 0.1 of a point. Rebeca Andrade of Brazil took the bronze medal.

Biles later took to the mat for her last appearance of a busy week, in the floor final. She had posted the highest score in qualifying and impressed again with a series of spectacular tumbling passes that wowed the crowd, reaching impressive height on her leaps.

Although she stepped out of bounds midway through her highly difficult routine, Biles earned the day’s best score, 14.633 points. It was Biles’ sixth world floor championship, a discipline where she remains undefeated.

Andrade, another star of the sport, took the silver medal ahead of her Brazil teammate Flavia Saraiva.

In Antwerp — where she started her collection of 23 world titles 10 years ago as a 16-year-old — Biles has made a stunning return to the international stage.

She also claimed a silver medal on vault after the sixth all-around title that made her the most decorated gymnast in history, male or

female. And she led the U.S. women to a record seventh straight victory in the team event.

Biles scored 58.399 points across the balance beam, floor, vault and uneven bars to beat Andrade by 1.633 points. Biles’ U.S. teammate Shilese Jones took the bronze medal, with 56.332 points.

Biles has won a record 37 medals at the world championships and Olympics.

Biles was competing at her first world championships since 2019 this week after a two-year break she used to focus on her mental health following the Tokyo Olympics. She only returned to competition this summer.

“Because 10 years ago, I won my first worlds. Now we’re back here. So it was emotional,” she said. “It means everything to me, the fight, everything that I’ve put in to get back to this place, feel comfortable and confident enough to compete.”

In the men’s competition, Jake Jarman gave Britain its first medal by taking gold in the vault with a combined score of 15.050 points. Jarman started with a nearly flawless vault and was pumped after he landed a Dragulescu on his second effort, giving a big hug to his coach and raising his arms in triumph.

His total allowed him to leapfrog American Khoi Young by a margin of 0.201.

Young’s pair of vaults earned him a runner-up finish and a third medal this week to go with the bronze in the team event and silver on the pommel horse. Nazar Cherpurnyi of Ukraine finished third.

Young grinned broadly after sticking his second vault and turned toward fans waving American flags, urging them to make more noise as cheers and applause erupted from the stands at the Sportpaleis venue.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 1 Georgia hammers No. 20 Kentucky

By GEORGE HENRY
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Quarterback Carson Beck could feel a momentum shift for Georgia in the second half of last week’s win at Auburn.

Coming into Saturday night’s showdown with Kentucky, Beck sensed the Bulldogs would get off to a fast start.

“I definitely think there is a thing such as momentum, so coming into the game after coming off a road win in the SEC, we felt good and very confident,” Beck said. “That showed tonight.”

Beck passed for 389 yards and four touchdowns, Brock Bowers had seven catches for 132 yards and No. 1 Georgia cruised to a 51-13 victory over No. 20 Kentucky on Saturday night.

The two-time defending national champion Bulldogs (6-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) extended their winning streak to 23 straight games and are the SEC’s lone unbeaten team this season.

Georgia has won 14 in a row over Kentucky and has victories in 33 consecutive regular-season games, a streak that began Nov. 21, 2020, against Mississippi State.

Coming off a stunning beat-down of Florida last week, Kentucky (5-1, 2-1) carried none of the



HAKIM WRIGHT SR./AP

Georgia tight end Brock Bowers, left, tries to fend off Kentucky defensive back Maxwell Hairston during the second half Saturday in Athens, Ga. Bowers had seven catches for 132 yards and a touchdown.

momentum it had from that game, allowing Georgia to score on all six of its first-half possessions and trailing 34-7 at intermission.

“They beat us in every area,” Wildcats coach Mark Stoops said. “It is hard to come up with an

opening statement after a beat-down like that. It has been a while. It doesn’t feel good. I told the team that the good news is that it counts as one game. We have to respond and bounce back. I will put this one on me. We weren’t prepared

in any area.”

The Bulldogs scored touchdowns in the first half on Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint’s 40-yard catch, Rara Thomas’ 15-yard catch, Oscar Delp’s 5-yard catch and Kendall Milton’s 5-yard run.

Peyton Woodring kicked two field goals and added another in the third quarter.

Georgia racked up its first 600-yard performance since 2020 against Missouri.

“When you run the ball and you have play-action and your offensive line protects and you have throwers and catchers, you’re going to do well,” Bulldogs coach Kirby Smart said after improving to 87-15 in his eight-year tenure. “It makes it hard to defend us as a team because (Beck is) standing back there all day because you’re protecting and you can’t cover (the receivers) very long.”

The Wildcats managed 127 yards of offense in the first half, but they got off to a good start in the third as Maxwell Hairston intercepted Beck and Ray Davis followed with a 26-yard TD catch to cut the lead to 34-13.

That was as good as it got for Kentucky.

Beck was 11-for-11 for 146 yards in the first quarter and finished the first half 21-for-26 for 307 yards, three scores and a passer efficiency rating of 218.

He finished 28-for-35 passing with an efficiency rating of 204.5. He has 11 touchdowns and three interceptions in six games.

Tall: Alabama rises to top of SEC West by beating Texas A&M

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far from the fairgrounds in Allen, Texas, but he had never been to Red River.

“I would drive by with great admiration and wonder what’s going on in there. So it’s a fun chance to see it today,” Sankey said.

Indeed.

Texas and Oklahoma were both undefeated coming into the game for the first time since 2008. But it was the Longhorns, in Year 3 under coach Steve Sarkisian, who garnered more attention in the first month of the season, winning at Alabama and romping over three straight opponents since.

Oklahoma had been dominant, too, leading the nation in margin of victory at 36 points per game, but had not yet played another ranked team. So how good are these Sooners, many wondered? They ain’t hiding nobody!

It was a good lesson: It’s not who you play as much as how you play. The Sooners were a top-10 team hiding in plain sight.

Venables has quickly eased OU fans fears after the former Clemson defensive coordinator fielded a team that couldn’t tackle last year.

Venables aggressively flipped the roster left behind by Lincoln Riley this offseason, bringing in a top-10 recruiting class and 17 transfers to rebuild around quarterback Dillon Gabriel.

“He’s the calmest guy I’ve ever been around at the quarterback position,” Venables said of Gabriel. Quite a compliment coming from a guy who coached teams with Deshaun Watson and Trevor Lawrence.,

The UCF transfer who arrived last season, and missed the Texas game with an injury, threw for 285 yards and ran for 113 to become the first player in Red River history to throw for at least 250 yards and run for at least 100.

Forgive Texas if it comes away thinking it let one get away. Three turnovers and a first-and-goal at the 1 that produced no points will do that.

“We didn’t play our best football today,” Texas coach Steve Sarkisian said. “The promising thing is we know we can play better than we did today. And we will.”

Rising Tide

While the future of the SEC was on display in Dallas, it’s the same old song with the current members of the conference.

No. 11 Alabama (5-1, 3-0) sits atop the West Division standings, the only team in the division without a league loss, after the Tide got another encouraging game from Jalen Milroe and beat Texas A&M.

No one is selling this Crimson Tide team as anything other than flawed; limited on offense, solid on defense and mistake-prone. Alabama had 14 penalties against A&M, including one that wiped out a touchdown on a blocked field-goal return.

“This game might be a record for me, for mess-ups, and still winning,” Tide coach Nick Saban told reporters.

But the more you watch the rest of the SEC West, the better Bama looks. The Tide have already beaten No. 16 Mississippi and A&M.

No. 23 LSU’s defense is a debacle, though

Jayden Daniels bailed out the Tigers against No. 21 Missouri.

In the SEC East, Georgia was less than its best in September, but started October by hitting No. 20 Kentucky with 60 minutes of near-perfect football. Carson Beck threw for 389 yards and four touchdowns.

The Bulldogs (6-0) are the only unbeaten team left in the SEC after Kentucky and Missouri went down.

Coaching malpractice

All Miami needed to do was take a knee to wrap up a sloppy 20-17 victory against Georgia Tech.

Instead, with 36 seconds left, the Hurricanes called a running play on third-and-10 at the Tech 30. Don Chaney fumbled. The Yellow Jackets recovered and four plays later scored the winning touchdown with 2 seconds left.

Chaney was distraught on the bench, but lay all the blame on Miami coach Mario Cristobal for calling a play that was entirely unnecessary.

“We should have taken a knee,” Cristobal said.

And kudos to ACC Network announcer Tim Hasselbeck for not holding back on his criticism of Miami’s coaches failing Football 101.

“That’s one of the biggest coaching mistakes at this level that I have ever seen in my lifetime,” Hasselbeck said.

Miami lured Cristobal home from Oregon after the 2021 season with a monster contract and hopes to return The U to glory. Cristobal is a tireless recruiter who has put

together some talented teams, including this one, but his game-management has often come into question.

He made a similar end-of-game, clock-management mistake in 2018 against Stanford that cost Oregon a victory.

Around the country: Three weeks of tough games, the last two in frenzied road environments, turned out to be too much for Notre Dame. Louisville snapped Notre Dame’s 30-game, regular-season winning streak against ACC teams. The Irish get USC at home next week. ... No. 4 Ohio State smashed the Marvin Harrison Jr. button to get out of a funk against previously unbeaten Maryland. The Buckeyes trailed 17-10 early in the third quarter and scored the final 27 points, with Harrison providing most of the offense with eight catches for 163 yards. ... The schedule doesn’t set up for many spotlight games, but don’t forget about North Carolina QB Drake Maye in the Heisman race. Maye passed 442 yards and three touchdowns against Syracuse. ... UCLA has quietly put together one of the best defenses in the country. Edge rusher Laiatu Latu and the Bruins handed No. 13 Washington State its first loss of the season, allowing only 216 total yards and one offensive touchdown. ... No. 24 Fresno State’s undefeated season ended at Wyoming as the Cowboys improved to 5-1. That sets up another huge Mountain West game next week with Wyoming visiting unbeaten Air Force. ... There are 14 unbeaten teams left in FBS.

AP sports writers Stephen Hawkins in Dallas and Tim Reynolds in Miami Gardens, Fla., contributed.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hurricanes suffer stunning loss

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Miami should have taken a knee. It took a disastrous loss instead, as Georgia Tech turned a huge mistake by the Hurricanes into a last-second miracle.

Haynes King threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Christian Leary with two seconds remaining after Miami turned the ball over with the game all but won, and Georgia Tech stunned the 17th-ranked Hurricanes 23-20 on Saturday night.

The Yellow Jackets went 74 yards in 24 seconds, just after the Hurricanes had the option to kneel down, likely run out the clock, win the game and remain unbeaten. In-

stead, Don Chaney fumbled the ball away — Miami argued he was down, referees disagreed — and the Yellow Jackets pulled off a stunner.

“We should have taken a knee,” Miami coach Mario Cristobal said. Said Georgia Tech coach Brent Key: “We kind of thought they were taking a knee.”

The Hurricanes (4-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) didn’t, and paid a huge price. King was incomplete under pressure on first down of the last drive, then connected with Malik Rutherford for a 30-yard gain. Rutherford was inbounds and the clock ran until King spiked the ball with 10 seconds left. The scoreboard showed Georgia Tech had no timeouts remaining; the play-by-

play of the game suggested the Yellow Jackets still may have had one.

Either way, then came the miracle.

King — maybe channeling his inner Doug Flutie from another deep throw that stunned Miami in 1984 — rolled right, waited and Leary got well behind two Miami defenders. The throw hit Leary in stride and he slid into the end zone as a few items of debris rained down from the stands.

“I felt it as soon as it left my fingers,” King said.

The Hurricanes had a six-lateral try on the final play of the game, but got stopped near midfield.

Tyler Van Dyke threw for 288 yards, but was intercepted three times for Miami, which outgained



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Miami players react after the Hurricanes fumbled, and Georgia Tech scored the winning touchdown with two seconds left on Saturday.

Georgia Tech 454-250 and had 23 first downs to the Yellow Jackets’ 12.

“I should have stepped in and said, ‘Hey, just take a knee,’” Cristobal said.

ACADEMIES

Tecza runs Mids past North Texas; Falcons fall to BC

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Alex Tecza ran for a pair of long touchdowns and Navy held off North Texas 27-24 on Saturday.

Tecza had a 39-yard scoring run in the second quarter, and his 21-yarder stretched the Navy lead to 27-17 with 7:07 to play.

Ayo Adeyi broke loose on a 47-yard touchdown run that cut the North Texas deficit to a field goal with 5:23 remaining. The Mean Green got the ball back with just under two minutes left at their own 20 but couldn’t pick up a first down.

Tecza, who averages nearly 73 yards per game, finished with 137 yards rushing on 17 carries. Blake Horvath added 88 yards rushing for Navy (2-3, 1-2 American Athletic Conference), which had 481 yards of offense with 406 on the ground.

Adeyi ran for 125 yards on 14 carries for North Texas (2-3, 0-1).

Boston College 27, Army 24: At West Point, N.Y., Thomas Castellanos had so much success running the ball that the best hit on him came from the umpire.

So when Boston College needed a play to win the game, calling for a quarterback run was an easy choice.

Castellanos ran for his fourth touchdown of the game with 25 seconds left to give the Eagles a 27-24 victory over the Black Knights.

Castellanos rushed for 142 yards and powered the Eagles to an early lead with his three earlier scores, and the last brought

them back after Army had controlled much of the second half. After Boston College was stopped on two attempts from inside the 3, Castellanos kept it himself on third down and ran to his right for the go-ahead score.

“If my number’s called, my number’s called and I’m ready to put my body on the line for the team,” Castellanos said. “I’ve got to get the first down or I’ve got to get a touchdown.”

Castellanos had earlier rushed for TDs of 20, 4 and 10 yards, when it seemed the only person he couldn’t outrun was umpire Mark Wilson.

Boston College (3-3) has won two straight for the first time since 2021.

Bryson Daily ran for 99 yards and threw a touchdown pass for Army (2-3), which narrowly missed its first victory over a team from a Power Five conference since beating Missouri in 2021. The Black Knights haven’t beaten one at Michie Stadium since topping Duke in 2017.

But after stopping the Eagles on fourth down midway through the fourth, they lost a TD that potentially could have put it away when replay showed Daily’s pitch to Hayden Reed was a forward pass. Castellanos capitalized when that drive stalled.

“At that point, I’m telling you the stadium, the cadets, our guys could have just tapped it in,” BC coach Jeff Hafley said. “But we stopped them, we get it back, we run the ball, we drive down and we finish in the end zone to win the game.”

Scoreboard

Saturday's scores	
EAST	
Albany (NY) 24, Towson 17	Alfred 14, Morrisville St. 10
Alfred St. 41, Lyon 15	Amherst 17, Bates 7
Assumption 38, American International 14	Boston College 27, Army 24
Brockport 63, Hartwick 0	Buffalo 37, Cent. Michigan 13
CCSU 51, Delaware St. 44	California (Pa.) 30, Indiana (Pa.) 20
Carnegie Mellon 80, Thiel 22	Case Western 19, St. Vincent 0
Colby 20, Wesleyan (Conn.) 13, OT	Columbia 16, Marist 0
Cortland 56, Utica 3	Curry 47, Dean 14
Delaware 43, Duquesne 17	Delaware Valley 28, Alvernia 12
Dickinson 27, Christopher Newport 24, OT	East Stroudsburg 38, Millersville 17
Fordham 38, Lehigh 35	Framingham St. 40, Fitchburg St. 7
Franklin & Marshall 20, Ursinus 16	Franklin Pierce 17, S. Connecticut 14
Frostburg St. 31, UNC-Pembroke 21	Gallaudet 34, Hilbert 20
Gannon 23, Edinboro 12	Grove City 48, Geneva 21
Hobart 45, Buffalo St. 21	Holy Cross 55, Bucknell 27
Ithaca 20, RPI 17, OT	Kings (Pa.) 17, FDU-Florham 14
Kutztown 24, Bloomsburg 3	LIU Brooklyn 23, Sacred Heart 13
Lafayette 12, Princeton 9	Lebanon Valley 27, Widener 24, 2OT
Lincoln (Pa.) 52, Bluefield State 44	Mass.-Dartmouth 26, Mass. Maritime 0
Merchant Marine 28, Norwich 21	Merrimack 45, Stonehill 34
Middlebury 12, Williams 10	Misericordia 25, Eastern 8
Montclair St. 27, Kean 14	Moravian 36, Catholic 28
Muhlenberg 50, McDaniel 6	Navy 27, North Texas 24
New Haven 38, Lincoln Oaklanders 0	Pace 38, Post 7
Penn 42, Georgetown 39, OT	Rhode Island 34, Brown 30
Rowan 9, College of NJ 7	SUNY Maritime 28, WPI 21
Salisbury 36, William Paterson 19	Salve Regina 38, Coast Guard 7
Seton Hill 24, Clarion 17	Shepherd 27, Lock Haven 10
Slippery Rock 75, Mercyhurst 31	Springfield 38, MIT 10
St. Anselm 24, Bentley 17	Stevenson 38, Albright 0
Susquehanna 69, Keystone 0	Toledo 41, Umass 24
Trinity (Conn.) 34, Hamilton 21	Tufts 29, Bowdoin 10
UTSA 49, Temple 34	Union (NY) 21, Rochester 17
Virginia St. 44, Bowie St. 16	W. Connecticut 55, Plymouth St. 20
W. New England 33, Anna Maria 17	Washington & Jefferson 35, Allegheny 28
West Chester 38, Shippensburg 28	West Liberty 48, Glenville St. 40
Westminster (Pa.) 42, Bethany (WV) 7	Wheeling Jesuit 58, WV Wesleyan 3
Wilkes 48, Lycoming 35	Yale 31, Dartmouth 24
SOUTH	
Alabama St. 19, Bethune-Cookman 14	Albany St. (Ga.) 48, Central St. (Ohio) 0
Alcorn St. 25, Grambling St. 24	Allen 35, Clark Atlanta 27
Barton 34, Newberry 17	Belhaven 29, Huntingdon 3
Benedict 27, Miles 24	Birmingham Southern 38, Sewanee 32
Brevard 49, S. Virginia 28	Bridgewater (Va.) 24, Shenandoah 10
Campbell 30, Hampton 27	Clemson 17, Wake Forest 12
Delta St. 49, Valdosta St. 25	Emory & Henry 41, Virginia-Wise 24
FAU 20, Tulsa 17	

Fayetteville St. 7, St. Augustines 0	Florida 38, Vanderbilt 14
Florida A&M 26, Southern U. 19	Florida St. 39, Virginia Tech 17
Fort Valley St. 38, Savannah St. 24	Furman 28, The Citadel 14
Gardner-Webb 31, Robert Morris 16	Georgia 51, Kentucky 13
Georgia Tech 23, Miami 20	Hampden-Sydney 48, Ferrum 10
Jackson St. 45, Alabama A&M 30	Lenoir-Rhyne 31, Limestone 28, OT
Livingstone 23, Winston-Salem 21	Louisiana-Lafayette 34, Texas State 30
Louisville 33, Notre Dame 20	Mars Hill 38, Erskine 3
Maryville (Tenn.) 35, Greensboro 7	Mercer 24, ETSU 6
Mississippi 27, Arkansas 20	Mississippi St. 41, W. Michigan 28
Morehead St. 31, Dayton 7	NC Central 34, Elon 23
NC State 48, Marshall 41	NC Wesleyan 35, Lagrange 14
Nicholls 38, Houston Christian 7	North Carolina 40, Syracuse 7
North Greenville 31, Chowan 16	Old Dominion 17, Southern Miss. 13
Randolph Macon 59, Averett 7	Rhodes 37, Millsaps 7
Richmond 42, Maine 31	SC State 56, Va. Lynchburg 6
Samford 31, Wofford 10	Shaw 21, Johnson C. Smith 10
South Alabama 55, Louisiana-Monroe 7	Stetson 28, Presbyterian 24
Tennessee St. 27, Kennesaw St. 20	Thomas More 36, Kentucky Wesleyan 28
Troy 37, Arkansas St. 3	Tusculum 27, Carson-Newman 21
Tuskegee 40, Morehouse 28	UAB 56, South Florida 35
Villanova 37, NC A&T 14	Virginia 27, William & Mary 13
Virginia Union 42, Elizabeth City St. 20	W. Carolina 52, Chattanooga 50
Washington & Lee 48, Guilford 25	West Florida 42, Shorter 3
West Georgia 24, West Alabama 6	Wingate 31, Catawba 13
MIDWEST	
Ashland 21, Walsh 7	Augsburg 41, Hamline 7
Augustana (Ill.) 42, Millikin 3	Augustana (SD) 38, SW Minnesota 6
Aurora 91, Concordia (Ill.) 0	Bethel (Minn.) 49, Macalester 14
Carleton 33, St. Olaf 31	Cent. Missouri 38, Neb.-Kearney 14
Central 38, Loras 14	Coe 52, Buena Vista 7
Concordia (Wis.) 28, Benedictine (Ill.) 0	Cornell (Iowa) 36, Beloit 24
Davenport 28, N. Michigan 12	DePaul 17, Denison 6
Drake 20, Valparaiso 14	Dubuque 56, Nebraska Wesleyan 28
E. Michigan 24, Ball St. 10	Ferris St. 38, Saginaw Valley St. 17
Fort Hays St. 35, Missouri Southern 22	Franklin 36, Anderson (Ind.) 28
Grand Valley St. 65, Kentucky St. 7	Gustavus Adolphus 63, St. Scholastica 12
Hanover 21, Bluffton 0	Hope 14, Albion 6
Illinois College 41, Chicago 20	Indianapolis 59, William Jewell 17
Iowa 20, Purdue 14	Iowa St. 27, TCU 14
John Carroll 31, Marietta 28	Kansas 51, UCF 22
LSU 49, Missouri 39	Lake Forest 76, Lawrence 0
Lindenwood (Mo.) 23, Tennessee Tech 0	Miami (Ohio) 27, Bowling Green 0
Michigan 52, Minnesota 10	Minn. St. 24, Minn. St. (Moorhead) 21
Missouri S&T 31, Upper Iowa 6	Missouri Western 61, Washburn 21
Monmouth (Ill.) 69, Grinnell 6	Mount St. Joseph 62, Defiance 21
Mount Union 41, Heidelberg 3	N. Dakota St. 38, Missouri St. 10
N. Illinois 55, Akron 14	N. Iowa 27, Indiana St. 20
NW Missouri St. 34, Cent. Oklahoma 21	North Central 69, Carroll (Wis.) 24

North Dakota 49, W. Illinois 10	North Park 35, Carthage 20
Northeastern St. 28, Lincoln (Mo.) 13	Northern St. 46, Minot St. 9
Northwestern (Minn.) 47, Crown (Minn.) 23	Northwestern 23, Howard 20
Northwood (Mich.) 33, Findlay 30	Notre Dame (Ohio) 31, W. Virginia St. 24
Ohio 42, Kent St. 17	Ohio Dominican 41, Lake Erie 17
Ohio St. 37, Maryland 17	Ohio Wesleyan 48, Kenyon 7
Olivet 42, Kalamazoo 14	Pittsburg St. 33, Emporia St. 25
Ripon 10, Knox 3	Rose Hulman 44, Manchester 7
S. Dakota 20, Illinois St. 21	SW Baptist 24, McKendree 17
Sioux Falls 35, Concordia (St.P.) 28	South Dakota 38, Murray St. 7
St. John's (Minn.) 42, Concordia 23	St. Norbert 58, Rockford 6
St. Thomas (Minn.) 17, Butler 10	Tiffin 35, Hillsdale 21
Trine 34, Adrian 14	Truman St. 33, Quincy 27, OT
UT Martin 28, E. Illinois 27, OT	W. Colorado 43, S.D. Mines 20
Wabash 45, Wooster 35	Warburg 54, Luther 0
Washington (Mo.) 38, Ill. Wesleyan 10	Wayne St. (Mich.) 23, Michigan Tech 21
Wayne St. (Neb.) 28, Minn. Duluth 18	Westminster (Mo.) 28, Martin Luther 14
Wheaton (Ill.) 61, Elmhurst 6	Winona St. 17, Mary 7
Wis. Lutheran 34, Lakeland 14	Wis.-La Crosse 37, Wis.-Whitewater 34
Wis.-Oshkosh 48, Wis.-Stout 46, 2OT	Wis.-Platteville 51, Wis.-Stevens Pt 10
Wis.-River Falls 49, Wis.-Eau Claire 7	Wisconsin 24, Rutgers 13
Youngstown St. 31, S. Illinois 3	
SOUTHWEST	
Alabama 26, Texas A&M 20	Arkansas Tech 9, SW Oklahoma 7
Berry 52, Southwestern (Texas) 10	Cent. Arkansas 38, SE Missouri 13
Hardin Simmons 19, McMurry 16, OT	Harding 62, NW Oklahoma 0
Henderson St. 42, S. Nazarene 28	Howard Payne 28, E. Texas Baptist 14
Incarnate Word 33, SE Louisiana 26	Lamar 27, Northwestern St. 13
Mary Hardin-Baylor 55, Texas Luth. 21	Oklahoma 34, Texas 30
Ouachita Baptist 31, East Central 14	Prairie View 31, MVSU 12
S. Arkansas 63, Oklahoma Baptist 24	S. Utah 27, Tarleton St. 26
SE Oklahoma 22, Ark.-Monticello 21	Sul Ross St. 49, Austin 7
Texas A&M Comm. 41, McNeese St. 10	Texas A&M Kings. 28, W. Texas A&M 21
Texas Tech 39, Baylor 14	Texas-Per. Basin 21, Midwestern St. 13
Trinity (Texas) 31, Centre 3	Uconn 38, Rice 31
FAR WEST	
Black Hills St. 34, N.M. Highlands 24	Boise St. 35, San Jose St. 27
CSU-Pueblo 43, Adams St. 10	California Lutheran 55, La Verne 0
Cent. Washington 38, E. New Mexico 35	Chadron St. 57, Fort Lewis 20
Chapman 20, Claremont Mudd 7	Colorado 27, Arizona St. 24
Colorado Mines 52, Colorado Mesa 0	Idaho 42, Cal Poly 14
Linfield 57, Lewis & Clark 15	Montana 31, UC Davis 23
N. Arizona 27, Weber St. 10	Oregon St. 52, California 40
Pacific Lutheran 17, Pacific (Ore.) 10	Pomona Pitzer 10, Redlands 9
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UCLA 25, Washington St. 17	Utah St. 44, Colorado St. 24
Utah Tech 37, Stephen F. Austin 31	W. Oregon 31, W. New Mexico 10
Whitworth 59, Willamette 7	Wyoming 24, Fresno St. 19

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 25 Louisville stuns No. 10 Notre Dame

Cardinals' Jordan rushes for season-high 143 yards, helps Cardinals improve to 6-0

By GARY B. GRAVES
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jawhar Jordan needed just a few touches to put a disappointing effort behind him.

The speedy Louisville rusher eventually did the same to Notre Dame defenders as he returned to form and gave the No. 25 Cardinals a significant victory.

Jordan ran for a season-high 143 yards, scoring on 45- and 21-yard runs on consecutive second-half possessions, and Louisville beat No. 10 Notre Dame 33-20 on Saturday night.

Louisville, at 6-0 off to its best start in 10 years, pulled away in a signature victory for first-year coach and former Cardinals great Jeff Brohm before a stadium-record 59,081. Many of those fans rushed the field at the final gun and stretched the celebration to both ends of the turf for more than 15 minutes.

And for good reasons. The Cardinals not only beat an Associated Press top-10 opponent in consecutive seasons for the first time in school history, but one of college football's most storied programs in the process.

"I just think our players came out in the second half and understood what it meant, not only (for) us, but the entire town, city and university to win, and they grinded it out," Brohm said.

Notre Dame (5-2) lost for the second time in three games. It had won 30 straight games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents dating to 2017.

The game also figured to be a third straight hard-fought effort the Fighting Irish actually led briefly.

They converted Cam Hart's forced fumble and recovery into a 10-7 lead on Spencer Shrader's 53-yard field goal midway through the third quarter before the Cardinals answered with Brock Travelstead's 44-yarder. Jordan took over from there with explosive runs.

Jordan followed Amari Huggins-Bruce's 19-yard run with a quick burst through the right side before finding another gear near the 20 to elude defenders for the go-ahead score at 17-10. Shrader's 54-yard field goal got Notre Dame to 17-13, but Jordan answered with another big run.

Jordan appeared to hit the hole even faster on his second scoring run early in the fourth, going virtually untouched to make it 24-13.

Notre Dame turned the ball over on downs and Travelstead added his third field goal from 45 yards for the 17-point cushion. He followed with a 35-yarder late in the fourth to seal it.

"We appreciate all the fans, all the support they've been giving



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Louisville running back Jawhar Jordan, left, turns the corner past Notre Dame safety DJ Brown during the second half Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Jordan scored on touchdown runs of 45 and 21 yards.

us," Jordan said. "It was electric once they stormed the field and the adrenaline, and we're just thankful for the day."

A week after being held to just 36 yards rushing without a TD at North Carolina State, Jordan carried 21 times to top his previous high of 135 yards earlier this season against Murray State. He was 2 yards shy of his career high set against rival Kentucky last season.

Jamari Thrash caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Jack Plum-

mer on Louisville's first drive set up by Quincy Riley's interception of Sam Hartman's sideline pass. That ended the quarterback's impressive start of 14 touchdowns without a pick and set the tone for a difficult night for him and the Irish (5-2).

Notre Dame was outgained 330-298 with just 44 yards rushing after entering the game averaging 192 per contest. Hartman completed 22 of 38 passes for 254 yards and TD passes to Jordan Faison and Mitchell

Evans, but threw three interceptions and was sacked five times.

"We didn't run the ball well and they did pressure him," Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman said of Louisville's pressure on Hartman. "Nobody has put the pressure on the quarterback like Louisville. Give them credit, they were stacking the box and saying we refuse to let you run the ball. Then we have to make some plays in the passing game. We didn't and we have to be sure not to let this happen again."

Williams, No. 9 USC survive Arizona in triple OT

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Caleb Williams actually doesn't like to run with the ball, even though he's clearly exceptional at it.

When No. 9 Southern California needed its Heisman Trophy winner to leave his comfort zone during an inspired challenge from Arizona, Williams got it done with his legs all the way into triple overtime.

"Just doing my job," Williams said. "Whatever it takes to win a game."

Williams rushed for three touchdowns before running for a two-point conversion in the third overtime, and No. 9 USC stopped Arizona's final attempt in a wild 43-41 victory Saturday night.

Williams passed for 219 yards and accounted for four total touchdowns for the Trojans (6-0, 4-0 Pac-12), who botched a 25-yard field-goal attempt on the final snap of regulation after Williams led a 59-yard drive in the last 2:08.

Williams shook it off and coolly led USC to scores on each of its three overtime possessions. The Trojans called an unorthodox play for the two-point attempt in the third OT, with the entire offensive line shifting out toward the sideline before Williams took the snap from tight end Lake McRee and ran the other way, artfully stretching the ball to the



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Southern California quarterback Caleb Williams, left, evades the tackle attempt of Arizona defensive lineman Isaiah Ward during the first half Saturday in Los Angeles.

pylon.

"Lanes kept opening up," Williams said about his 41 yards rushing. "They kept dropping off. They left me with big lanes. I know I haven't ran this year much. Don't really like to run, to be honest with you. But you've got to do what you've got to do."

The defense then finished it when line-

backer Mason Cobb led a stop of D.J. Williams behind the line. USC was able to celebrate after falling behind by 17 points early and then missing numerous opportunities to take it away.

USC remained unbeaten at the Coliseum during coach Lincoln Riley's 1½ years in charge, but the Trojans trailed for the first

time this season and eventually needed another superlative effort from their star quarterback to survive the Wildcats' energized upset bid.

"You don't want to put yourself in that hole," Riley said. "But when you're in it, you can feel sorry for yourself or you can dig yourself out."

Noah Fifita passed for 303 yards and threw two of his five touchdown passes to Jacob Cowing in overtime, but the Wildcats (3-3, 1-2) blew a big lead, committed 99 yards in penalties and fell just short of a signature victory under third-year coach Jedd Fisch.

"I think the 21-point underdog stuff has got to probably come to an end here soon," Fisch said. "We've got a really good football team, and unfortunately we had two games we've lost in overtime and one game we've lost by a touchdown."

Williams rushed 18 yards for a TD in the first overtime, but Cowing caught a TD pass from Fifita on Arizona's first OT snap. The Wildcats didn't go for a two-point conversion with the victory in their hands.

Cowing scored again to open the second overtime, but USC safety Calen Bullock swatted away Fifita's pass on the conversion attempt. Austin Jones then rushed for an 11-yard TD for USC, but Williams couldn't hit Brenden Rice for the win.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Verlander, Astros power past Twins

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Justin Verlander was wearing a New York Mets uniform when the season began.

But on Saturday night, he was right back where he's been so many times before, on the mound for the Houston Astros helping them to another playoff win.

Verlander pitched six shutout innings, Yordan Alvarez homered twice and the Astros held on for a 6-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins in their AL Division Series opener.

Jose Altuve hit a leadoff home run and Alvarez had three RBIs as the defending World Series champions won their 2023 playoff debut to earn their 10th straight victory in Game 1 of a Division Series.

Verlander first joined the Astros in August 2017 and won his second World Series title with the team last year. He signed with the Mets in the offseason, then returned to Houston in a July trade after a very brief stint in the Big Apple.

"It's been a whirlwind of a year, season for me," Verlander said. "To find myself back here in Houston and pitching in the playoffs is not something I foresaw, but happy to be here, happy to help contribute and happy to be in the playoffs."

The 40-year-old Verlander allowed four hits and walked three with six strikeouts to get his 17th win in 35 postseason starts. It was his 10th playoff win with the Astros, the most in franchise history.

"He gave us all he had like he usually does, and he gave us quality," manager Dusty Baker said. "Even when he doesn't have his great stuff, he still manages to get people out."

Especially against the Twins.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander threw six shutout innings to lead his team to a 6-4 win in the opener of their American League Division Series against the Minnesota Twins.

Since 2018, Verlander is 6-1 in seven starts versus Minnesota and has a 23-inning scoreless streak.

Former Astros star Carlos Correa had two hits for the Twins, who continued to struggle at the plate with runners in scoring position. They went 1-for-12 after going 1-for-10 in the Wild Card Series against Toronto.

"We had a lot of traffic out there," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "We're one good swing or even one well-placed swing away from getting some real action going, putting some runs up, and we just didn't get that."

Verlander settled in after a shaky start and the Astros built a 5-0 lead through six innings with big swings from Altuve and Alvarez.

Héctor Neris took over for Verlander to start the seventh. With two outs, Jorge Polanco hit a soaring three-run homer to right field. Two pitches later, rookie Royce Lewis launched his third homer in three playoff games to make it 5-4.

In the bottom half, lefty Caleb Thielbar entered to face Alvarez with one out. The slugger became the first left-handed hitter to homer off Thielbar this season when he smacked an off-speed pitch off the foul pole in right to give Houston an insurance run.

"When I go up there, try not to think about the situation, try not to think about the noise," Alvarez said in Spanish through a translator. "Just say to myself, 'I'm the only one that can get the job done at this moment.'"

Thielbar called Alvarez a "great hitter."

"He doesn't really have a weakness to either hand," he said. "You want to be the guy who comes in and faces him in a big spot. It just wasn't meant to be today."



JOHN McDONNELL, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

Texas Rangers relief pitcher Jose Leclerc reacts after the final out against the Orioles in Game 1 of their American League Division Series on Saturday in Baltimore, Md. Texas won 3-2.

Rangers' shaky bullpen holds off Orioles late

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For the first time this postseason, the maligned Texas bullpen had to protect a slim lead in the late innings.

Josh Sborz, Aroldis Chapman and José Leclerc wobbled but didn't fall.

Andrew Heaney and Dane Dunning helped Texas reach the sixth inning ahead, and the Rangers held on through some anxious moments for a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in Game 1 of their AL Division Series on Saturday.

"The bullpen did a great job," manager Bruce Bochy said. "Got bumpy, but found a way to get through it."

Josh Jung homered and made a nice play at third base to start a critical double play for Texas, which improved to 3-0 in these playoffs — all on the road.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series was Sunday at Camden Yards.

After leading the AL West most of the season but squandering the division crown on the final weekend, the wild-card Rangers entered the postseason without Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer — and with a bullpen largely considered a weak link. But they've allowed only three runs in three games against the Orioles and Rays.

The late innings weren't all that

Scoreboard

Playoffs	
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WILD CARD SERIES (Best-of-three)	
American League	
Minnesota 2, Toronto 0	
Minnesota 3, Toronto 1	
Minnesota 2, Toronto 0	
Texas 2, Tampa Bay 0	
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 0	
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 1	
National League	
Arizona 2, Milwaukee 0	
Arizona 6, Milwaukee 3	
Arizona 5, Milwaukee 2	
Philadelphia 2, Miami 0	
Philadelphia 4, Miami 1	
Philadelphia 7, Miami 1	
DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-five)	
American League	
Texas 1, Baltimore 0	
Saturday: Texas 3, Baltimore 2	
Sunday: Texas at Baltimore	
Tuesday: Baltimore at Texas	
x-Wednesday: Baltimore at Texas	
x-Friday: Texas at Baltimore	
Houston 1, Minnesota 0	
Saturday: Houston 6, Minnesota 4	
Sunday: Minnesota at Houston	
Tuesday: Houston at Minnesota	
x-Wednesday: Houston at Minnesota	
x-Friday: Minnesota at Houston	
National League	
Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 0	
Saturday: Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 0	
Monday: Philadelphia (Wheeler 13-6) at Atlanta (Fried 8-1), AFN-Sports, 12 a.m.	
Tuesday CET; 7 a.m. Tuesday JKT	
Wednesday: Atlanta at Philadelphia	
x-Thursday: Atlanta at Philadelphia	
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Philadelphia at Atlanta	
Arizona 1, Los Angeles 0	
Saturday: Arizona 11, Los Angeles 2	
Monday: Arizona (Gallen 17-9) at Los Angeles (Miller 11-4), AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.	
Tuesday CET; 10 a.m. Tuesday JKT	
Wednesday: Los Angeles at Arizona	
x-Thursday: Los Angeles at Arizona	
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Arizona at Los Angeles	

game sweep. It was a more nervous finish against the Orioles.

Heaney held Baltimore to a run and two hits in 3⅓ innings. Dunning relieved him and went two innings for the win, allowing a run in the sixth. Will Smith, Sborz, Chapman and Leclerc combined for the final 10 outs — but not without some drama.

Sborz threw seven straight balls to start the seventh but pitched around a leadoff walk. Chapman walked the first two batters in the eighth before Jung ranged to his left and snagged Anthony Santander's high bouncer on a short hop to start a 5-4-3 double play. Chapman then struck out Ryan Mountcastle with a runner on third to end the inning.

Leclerc earned the save, although he allowed a leadoff single in the ninth to Gunnar Henderson. All-Star catcher Jonah Heim threw out Henderson trying to steal second, and the Orioles didn't manage another baserunner.

Baltimore manager Brandon Hyde didn't appear happy in the dugout with Henderson's decision to go.

"A little miscommunication there," Hyde said.

Kyle Bradish struck out nine in 4⅓ innings for the Orioles but allowed two runs in the fourth to take the loss. Jung and Santander traded solo homers in the sixth.

stressful in the Wild Card Series against Tampa Bay, as Texas outscored the Rays 11-1 for a two-

MLB PLAYOFFS

Harper, Phillies shut down slugger Braves

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — This is Bryce Harper's favorite time of year.

Ranger Suárez and a parade of hard-throwing Philadelphia relievers are enjoying themselves, too.

Harper hit his 12th career post-season homer, Suárez and a half-dozen teammates combined on a five-hitter, and the Phillies stifled baseball's most prolific offense for a 3-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves in Game 1 of the NL Division Series on Saturday night.

In a playoff rematch between division rivals, the 104-win Braves find themselves in exactly the same position as a year ago: trailing the Phillies after the opener at Truist Park.

"This team, to a man, has this innate toughness to them," Philadelphia manager Rob Thomson said. "They're really resilient, and they just keep fighting. So it's a great combination of talent and makeup that we have on this club."

In 2022, the Phillies knocked off the Braves 3-1 on the way to an improbable World Series appearance. Now, they're up again heading to Game 2 of the best-of-five series Monday night in Atlanta.

As usual, Harper was right in the middle of things. He reached base in all four at-bats and gave the Phillies some breathing room with a liner into the right-field seats off 20-game winner Spencer Strider in the sixth inning.

"This is his time of year," Thomson said. "This is where he kind of shines."

The Braves' offense had been shining all season, tying the major



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Philadelphia Phillies designated hitter Bryce Harper, right, celebrates his solo homer against the Atlanta Braves with third base coach Dusty Wathan in Game 1 of an NL Division Series on Saturday in Atlanta.

league record with 307 homers while averaging more than 5.8 runs per game.

They came up empty to start the postseason, enduring their first shutout since May 12 — and their first all season at Truist Park. They became the first team to lead the majors in runs and get shut out in their postseason opener since the 2001 Mariners.

"I think it was more their pitching than our hitting," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Wild-card series hero Bryson Stott broke a scoreless tie with a

run-scoring single in the fourth, driving in Harper with an unearned run after a wild pickoff throw by Strider.

Harper padded the lead all by himself by going deep off Spencer, who is 8-0 with 1.90 ERA against the Phillies in the regular season but dropped to 0-2 against them in the postseason.

"Strider, man, he's one of the best in the game," Harper said. "You know he's going to come at you and throw his best at you. So just trying to get a pitch over and was able to get the slider up and do

some damage."

Strider went seven innings, allowing one earned run on five hits with eight strikeouts.

The mood turned ugly in the eighth when the Phillies tacked on their final run courtesy of catcher interference against Sean Murphy. J.T. Realmuto fouled off a pitch with the bases loaded, but his bat barely nicked Murphy's mitt to force in a run.

After the call was reviewed and upheld, there was a brief delay when a handful of fans threw trash on the field.

Snitker and Murphy had no complaints about the call, and the Braves manager ripped the fans who littered the outfield.

"There's no excuse for that," Snitker said. "It's scary because those water bottles, when they come, they're like grenades. It could really seriously injure one of our players."

Many in the crowd of 43,689 — the largest turnout in Truist Park's seven-year history — headed for the exits after Trea Turner's diving stop on Ozzie Albies' sharp grounder turned into an inning-ending double play in the bottom half of the inning.

Suárez allowed just one hit in 3⅓ innings. Still, with an off day between the first and second games, the Phillies quickly turned to their bullpen at the first sign of trouble.

Suárez walked slowly off the mound, clearly upset at being lifted so quickly, but Thomson said the lefty calmed down when he explained Philadelphia's strategy.

"He's a competitor, and he wants to stay in, and he knew how well he was pitching," Thomson said. "I get it. I'm OK with him being disappointed."

Jeff Hoffman escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fourth by striking out Michael Harris II to earn the win. Seranthony Dominguez worked around two hits in the fifth by fanning the side — including a called third strike on MVP favorite Ronald Acuña Jr. with runners at first and third.

Jose Alvarado, rookie Orion Kerker, Matt Strahm and Craig Kimbrel shut down the Braves the rest of the way, with Kimbrel earning a save against his first big league team.

D-backs rout Dodgers, chase Kershaw in 1st inning

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Merrill Kelly and Clayton Kershaw had their backs to each other in the outfield while they were long-tossing before Game 1 of the NL Division Series.

"He kind of gave me a little acknowledgment and I gave it back," Kelly said.

Then Arizona went out and clobbered the Los Angeles Dodgers ace in the first inning on the way to an 11-2 victory for Kelly and the Diamondbacks on Saturday night.

Gabriel Moreno's three-run drive highlighted a six-run first for Arizona, which also got homers from Corbin Carroll, Alek Thomas and Tommy Pham. Kelly used the support to beat the Dodgers for the first time.

"I'm watching our guys beat up on one of the best pitchers that we've ever seen in our lives and watching them do it in the first



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Arizona Diamondbacks' Gabriel Moreno watches his three-run home run as does Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw in Game 1 of an NL Division Series on Saturday in Los Angeles.

game I've ever pitched in the playoffs," Kelly said.

Making his first career postsea-

son start at age 34, Kelly came in with an 0-11 record and a 5.49 ERA in 16 starts against LA.

"I felt if I gave those games any attention, I was going out there behind the eight-ball before I even stepped on the mound," he said.

Kelly limited the NL West champions to three hits in 6⅓ innings, the last one leading off the third on Miguel Rojas' single. He retired 11 in a row during one stretch.

"We just never really had a chance to get to Kelly," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He was attacking us and making us put the ball in play and we just couldn't do it."

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is Monday night in Los Angeles.

The loss was tied for the fifth-largest postseason defeat in Dodgers' franchise history. They've now dropped Game 1 of the NLDS in two of their last three seasons.

Kershaw staggered through the worst start and shortest of his 16-year career. The three-time Cy Young Award winner got tagged for six runs and recorded just one

out in the 100th postseason game at Dodger Stadium.

"It's just embarrassing really," Kershaw said. "I just feel like I let everybody down."

He walked off the mound with his head down. He sat down in the dugout, removed his cap and buried his face in his hands.

"I don't think anybody in the baseball world was expecting that," teammate Freddie Freeman said.

Kershaw dropped to 13-13 with a 4.49 ERA in the postseason, compared to 210-92 with a 2.48 ERA in the regular season.

Arizona rapped out 13 hits. The only Diamondback who didn't get on base was Geraldo Perdomo, who went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.

"I just think this team was very focused," D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said. "We talked about what our game plan was going to be, and I watched this group go out and execute it to a T."

SPORTS



A big road victory
Harper, Phillies outlast hard-hitting Braves in Game 1 of NLDS » **MLB playoffs, Page 23**



TOP 25 TAKEAWAYS

JEFFREY McWHORTER/AP

The Oklahoma defense stands up Texas running back Jonathon Brooks on a key goal-line stand during the second half Saturday at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Oklahoma won 34-30.

Several stand tall

OU takes down Texas; Georgia Tech stuns Miami

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Actually, it's Oklahoma that's back.

Of course, the Sooners haven't been gone for long. The final Red River Rivalry in the Big 12 before it moves to the Southeastern Conference felt like a chance for No. 3 Texas to lay claim to being the best team in the country. Instead, at the Cotton Bowl on Saturday, second-year Oklahoma coach Brent Venables got his first signature win and the 12th-ranked Sooners stamped themselves as College Football Playoff contenders. On a day when No. 1 Georgia re-asserted



Venables

needed a 17-point comeback, three overtimes and more Caleb Williams magic to beat Arizona — the Sooners made the loudest statement. The Longhorns looked pretty good, too. No need to panic, Texas fans. The way the rest of the Big 12 is playing out, the Long-

horns and Sooners could be heading for a rematch down the road at Jerry World on Dec. 2 in the Big 12 championship game. Big 12 Commissioner Brett Yormark will have to be in attendance for that one. Right? He understandably skipped Red River, but SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey was at the Texas State Fair to have a funnel cake and check out one of the most storied rivalries in college football at the Cotton Bowl, 22 miles east from that fancy stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play. Long ago, Sankey was the Commissioner of the Southland Conference and lived not

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Running back Trey Cooley and Georgia Tech took down previously unbeaten and 17th-ranked Miami in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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